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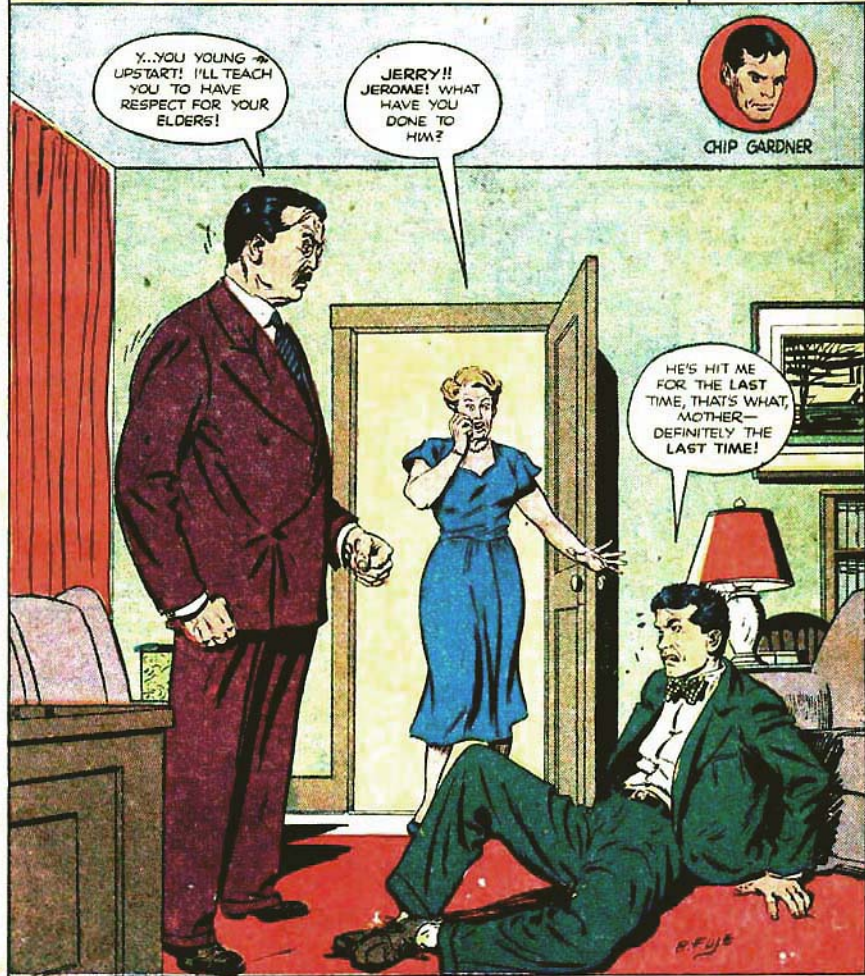
Y...YOU YOUNG UPSTART! I'LL TEACH YOU TO HAVE RESPECT FOR YOUR ELDERS!

JERRY!! JEROME! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HIM?



CHIP GARDNER

HE'S HIT ME FOR THE LAST TIME, THAT'S WHAT, MOTHER— DEFINITELY THE LAST TIME!



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OH, BOY! WHAT A FRONT THIS PLACE HAS! JERRY'S OLD MAN MUST ADD UP TO BIG FIGURES! HE'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER FROM PARK AVENUE!

HE'S ON PARK AVENUE! THIS PLACE HAS ANOTHER ENTRANCE - FOR PATIENTS! I DON'T YOU KNOW THAT JERRY'S FATHER IS DOCTOR JEROME PAULDING - BIGGEST PSYCHIATRIST IN THE BUSINESS?

CY WHO?

A BRAIN DOCTOR TO YOU - IF YOU KNOW WHAT A BRAIN IS!



HI, JERRY, OLD MAN! WHAT- EVER THE BREW, IT WILL DO FOR TWO! I'VE BEEN TELLING GAIL HERE WHAT A NIFTY YOU ARE AT MIXING DRINKS!

THIS IS MY OWN SPECIAL TYPE OF ORANGE BLOSSOM WITH A TOUCH OF TANGERINE! I SAW HORTENSE, HURRY UP! AND SERVE THAT PUNCH TO THE FAINT HEARTS! I'VE GOT CUSTOMERS FOR THE BLOSSOMS AND WANT TO MAKE THE ROUNDS!

YES, MASTER JUNIOR!



IT ISN'T MASTER AND IT ISN'T JUNIOR! I'M MR. JERRY WHEN I THROW A COCKTAIL PARTY! UNDERSTAND?

YES, MR. JUNIOR - I MEAN MASTER JERRY...



DOWN THAT PUNCH FAST - JERRY'S COMING THROUGH WITH SOMETHING SUPER-SPECIAL!

GET THESE INTO CIRCULATION AND WATCH THIS PARTY SIZZLE!



HI, OLD TIMER! HOW'D YOU LIKE A HOTROD SPECIAL, THE KIND OUR PAL, JERRY, MIXES?

WHY - WHY - !



BUT JEROME, THEY'RE ONLY HAVING A GOOD TIME! IT'S JERRY'S TURN TO ENTERTAIN HIS FRIENDS AND WHERE ELSE SHOULD HE BRING THEM BUT HOME? YOUTH MUST HAVE ITS FLING! YOU WERE YOUNG ONCE TOO, REMEMBER?

YES BUT I NEVER FLUNG MYSELF INTO A LOST WEEKEND BEGINNING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON! HOWEVER I'M STILL YOUNG DIANE - OR AT LEAST I FEEL YOUNG WHEN YOU ARE AROUND! JUST ASK JERRY IF HIS FRIENDS CAN BE A BIT QUIETER!

IF YOU WOULD STILL LONG ENOUGH! HORTENSE, I CAN POUR SOME REFILLS!



JERRY, MY DEAR, DARLING BOY, YOU KNOW I WANT YOU TO HAVE A GOOD TIME YOU AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS! BUT YOU MUST BE QUIET FOR AN HOUR AT LEAST - YOUR FATHER IS EXPECTING AN IMPORTANT PATIENT...

I KNOW! ALL OF FATHER'S PATIENTS ARE IMPORTANT! SO HAVE A DRINK, DARLING MAMA, AND RUN ALONG TO YOUR MEETING!

AND THE BEST OF LUCK, MRS. PAULDING!

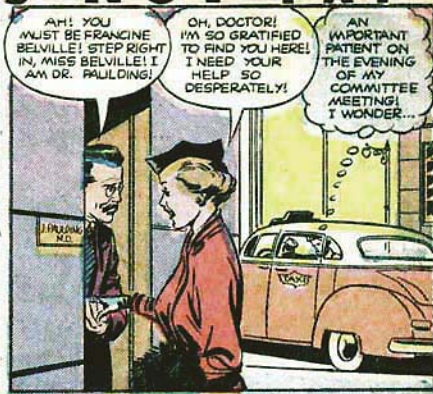
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A FEW MINUTES LATER, AT THE PATIENT'S ENTRANCE...

C'MON, LADY—DO YOU WANT A CAB OR DON'T YOU?

WHY—WHY YES! YOU CAN TAKE ME ALONG THE AVENUE... SLOWLY, PLEASE.



AH! YOU MUST BE FRANCINE BELVILLE! STEP RIGHT IN, MISS BELVILLE! I AM DR. PAULDING!

OH, DOCTOR! I'M SO GRATIFIED TO FIND YOU HERE! I NEED YOUR HELP SO DESPERATELY!

AN IMPORTANT PATIENT ON THE EVENING OF MY COMMITTEE MEETING! I WONDER...



NOW, FRANCINE I'LL RE-READ THE LIST OF WORD ASSOCIATIONS WE HAVE JUST COVERED! WHEN I SUGGESTED THE WORD 'WATER' YOU RESPONDED WITH THE WORD 'DROWN', FOR 'GUN' 'DEATH', FOR 'KNIFE' 'BLOOD'; DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS FOR THESE PRELIMINARY STEPS?

I THINK SO BUT ALL I AM INTERESTED IN IS GETTING RID OF MY FEARS MY NERVOUSNESS.

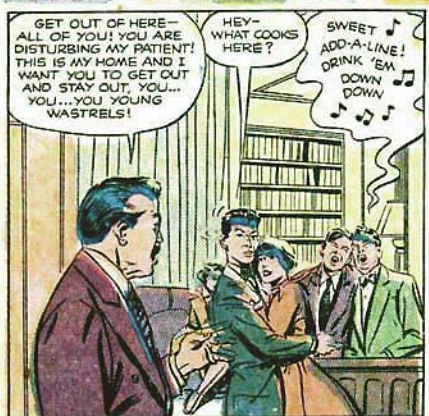
YOU MUST RELAX FRANCINE! RELAX! NOW FOR ANOTHER WORD, AND AGAIN YOU MUST BE PROMPT WITH WHATEVER IT SUGGESTS TO YOU! THE WORD IS "WINDOW".

BARS! NO, NO, I DIDN'T MEAN BARS—I COULDN'T!



ONE MORE WORD—CHAIR!

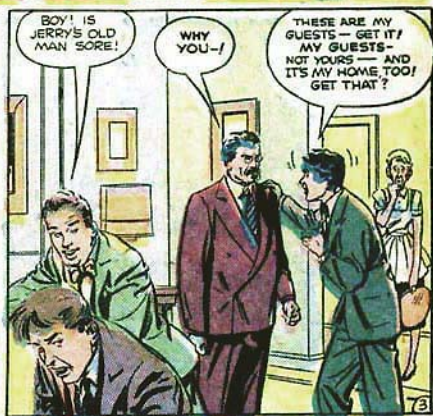
WIRES—WIRES—WIRES! TAKE THEM AWAY! NO, NO, I DON'T MEAN WIRES—I MEAN THOSE VOICES... THAT SINGING... IT DRIVES ME MAD!



GET OUT OF HERE—ALL OF YOU! YOU ARE DISTURBING MY PATIENT! THIS IS MY HOME AND I WANT YOU TO GET OUT AND STAY OUT, YOU... YOU... YOU YOUNG WASTRELS!

HEY—WHAT COOKS HERE?

SWEET ♪ ADD-A-LINE! DRINK 'EM DOWN ♪ DOWNY ♪



BOY! IS JERRY'S OLD MAN SORE!

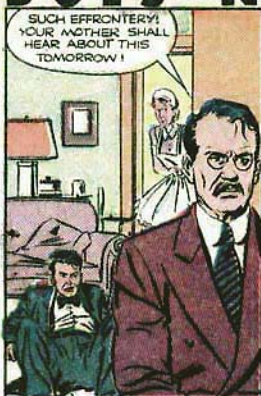
WHY YOU—!

THESE ARE MY GUESTS—GET IT! MY GUESTS—NOT YOURS—AND IT'S MY HOME, TOO! GET THAT?

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YOU YOUNG WHELP!



SUCH EFFRONTERY! YOUR MOTHER SHALL HEAR ABOUT THIS TOMORROW!



I'M SORRY IF I CAUSED YOU ANY TROUBLE, DOCTOR!

THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT, MISS BEVILLE! JUST CALM YOURSELF! I'LL SEE YOU HOME PERSONALLY!

THIS IS SOMETHING ELSE ANY MOTHER SHALL HEAR ABOUT!



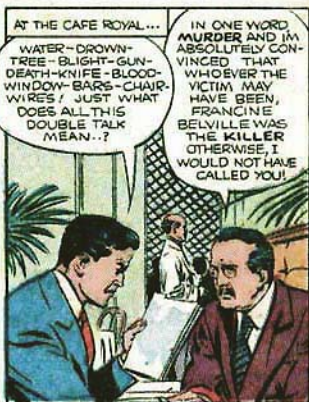
IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO DRIVE ME HOME, DOCTOR! I FEEL MUCH BETTER, EVEN THOUGH OUR CONSULTATION WAS INTERRUPTED! BUT SHOULDN'T I MAKE MY NEXT APPOINTMENT DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS?

I'D RATHER NOT, MISS BEVILLE! MY DAYTIME SCHEDULE IS VERY HEAVY! PHONE ME SOME TIME TOMORROW AND WE'LL ARRANGE ANOTHER EVENING APPOINTMENT!



**T**HIS WAS WHERE I CAME INTO THE PICTURE! A PRIVATE EYE AS SPECIAL CONSULTANT ON A VERY SPECIAL CASE! THERE WERE ANGLES, THOUGH, THAT REQUIRED SOME SHARP INVESTIGATION WORK MORE THAN EITHER DOC PAULDING OR I SUSPECTED AT THE TIME! BESIDES, THERE WAS THE ETHICAL ASPECT! HE COULDN'T VERY WELL GO TO THE POLICE ABOUT A PATIENT...

YES, THIS IS CHIP GARDNER! AT THE CAFE ROYAL?... I'LL BE RIGHT OVER DOCTOR PAULDING!



AT THE CAFE ROYAL...

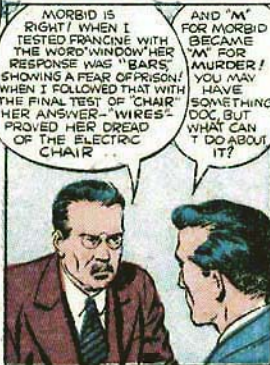
WATER-DROWN-TREE-SLUGHT-SUN-DEATH-KNIFE-BLOOD-WINDOW-BARS-CHAIR-WIRES! JUST WHAT DOES ALL THIS DOUBLE TALK MEAN..?

IN ONE WORD MURDER AND I'M ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT WHOEVER THE VICTIM MAY HAVE BEEN, FRANCINE BELVILLE WAS THE KILLER OTHERWISE, IT WOULD NOT HAVE CALLED YOU!



THESE WORD LINKS REVEAL A PERSON'S SUBCONCIOUS! RESPONSES LIKE DROWN, BLIGHT, DEATH, KNIFE WERE ALL ON THE SINISTER OR TRAGIC SIDE, SHOWING THAT SUCH FACTORS WERE PREYING ON FRANCINE'S MIND!

MAYBE! THEN AGAIN, PERHAPS, SHE WAS JUST IN A MORBID MOOD!



MORBID IS RIGHT! WHEN I TESTED FRANCINE WITH THE WORD 'WINDOW' HER RESPONSE WAS 'BARS' SHOWING A FEAR OF PRISON! WHEN I FOLLOWED THAT WITH THE FINAL TEST OF 'CHAIR' HER ANSWER - 'WIRES' - PROVED HER DREAD OF THE ELECTRIC CHAIR...

AND 'M' FOR MORBID BECAME 'M' FOR MURDER! YOU MAY HAVE SOMETHING DOC, BUT WHAT CAN T DO ABOUT IT?



DO JUST THIS! HERE IS A REPORT SHEET ON FRANCINE BELVILLE COVERING THE USUAL FACTS, BOTH AS SHE STATED THEM AND WITH CORROBORATION OF PERSONS WHOM SHE GAVE AS REFERENCES! I WANT YOU TO CHECK THEM FURTHER, AND IN DETAIL!

AND SEE WHERE IT LEADS! O.KAY! OBTVIOUSLY YOU CANNOT BE A PARTY TO CONCEALING A CRIME - IF THERE WAS A CRIME - BUT YOU MAY BE UNNECESSARILY ALARMED!

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I SLEPT ON THAT WORD LINK DEAL, AND BY THE NEXT A.M., IT REALLY HAD ME INTRIGUED! SO WHEN I REACHED MY OFFICE BUILDING, I TOSSED IT AT THE PERSONNEL...

HI, LOUIE! IF I SAY "WATER", WHAT WORD SPRINGS TO YOUR MIND?

"BRIDGE!" HEY, JIGGS, YOU LIKE RIDDLES? DID YOU HEAR THE ONE MR. GARDNER JUST SPRUNG!

YEAH, AND MY ANSWER TO "WATER" IS "COOLER" GOING UP!



WATER... BRIDGE! SAY THAT COULD MEAN SUICIDE IS PRYING ON LOUIE'S MIND! WATER... COOLER! COOLER... JUG... JAIL! I WONDER IF JIGGS IS AFRAID THAT SOMETHING MIGHT LAND HIM IN THE CLINK! MAYBE DOG'S SYSTEM IS PHONY! STILL, ITS WORTH ANOTHER TRY...



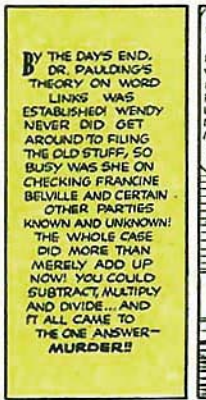
HELLO, WONDERFUL! GIVE ME A DOUBLE-BARRELED ANSWER TO A TWO-WAY QUESTION! JUST WHAT DOES THE WORD "WINDOW" MEAN TO YOU AND WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD "CHAIR"?

WINDOW MEANS FRESH AIR, AND YOUR OFFICE IS FULL OF IT! CHAIR GOES WITH DESK, SO SIT RIGHT DOWN AT YOURS AND CLEAN UP THAT BATCH OF REPORTS!



GET IN THERE AND PITCH, BROTHER! THE FILE CABINET IS YAWNING HUNGRILY, AND LITTLE WENDY WANTS TO GET BUSY LIKE A BEE!

YOU ASKED FOR IT, MISS EFFICIENCY! WHILE IM CLEARING UP THESE OLD REPORTS, YOU CAN HANDLE THIS NEW CASE HISTORY! GO THROUGH OUR VARIOUS DOSSIERIS, DOCKETS AND DOO—DAD S TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN SCOUT UP ON A FRANCINE BELVILLE AND ALL RELATED SUBJECTS AND PERSONS!



BY THE DAYS' END, DR. PAULDING'S THEORY ON WORD LINKS WAS ESTABLISHED! WENDY NEVER DID GET AROUND TO FILING THE OLD STUFF, SO BUSY WAS SHE ON CHECKING FRANCINE BELVILLE AND CERTAIN OTHER PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN! THE WHOLE CASE DID MORE THAN MERELY ADD UP NOW! YOU COULD SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY AND DIVIDE... AND IT ALL CAME TO THE ONE ANSWER—MURDER!!



I'VE BEEN TO NEWSPAPER OFFICES, LIBRARIES, POLICE PRECINCTS... EVERYWHERE! BUT I CANT FIND A THING ON FRANCINE BELVILLE UNTIL THE NIGHT WHEN NICK CLAUSEN WAS MURDERED AT THE HOTEL MADRID, THREE MONTHS AGO!

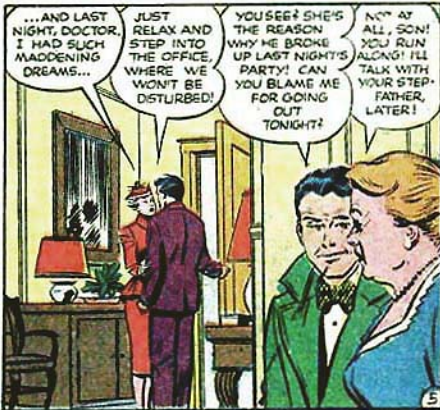
AND ON THAT NIGHT FRANCINE JUST POPPED OUT OF NOWHERE, TO BECOME THE MYSTERY WOMAN IN THE CASE! SHE COULDN'T HAVE KILLED NICK! THAT WAS DONE BY A TRIGGER MAN NAMED STACK CHANDLER, BUT HE HASN'T BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE!



LATER...

SO THAT'S FRANCINE BELVILLE! QUITE A DISH AS YOU BOYS WOULD SAY! DO WE TAG ALONG TO MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T MURDER ANYONE THIS FINE EVENING!

YOU TAIL HER AS FAR AS DOCTOR PAULDING'S TO SEE IF SHE KEEPS HER APPOINTMENT THERE! PHONE ME, YES OR NO! I'LL BE AT THE ARCTURUS POOL ON A MISSION OF MY OWN!



...AND LAST NIGHT, DOCTOR, I HAD SUCH MADDENING DREAMS...

JUST RELAX AND STEP INTO THE OFFICE, WHERE WE WON'T BE DISTURBED!

YOU SEE? SHE'S THE REASON WHY HE BROKE UP LAST NIGHT'S PARTY! CAN YOU BLAME ME FOR GOING OUT TONIGHT?

NOT AT ALL, SON! YOU RUN ALONG! I'LL TALK WITH YOUR STEP-FATHER, LATER!



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AT THE ARCTURUS POOL ROOM...

PRIVATE EYES MAKE ME NERVOUS! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THEIR RACKET IS! HE SAID HE WAS WAITING FOR A PHONE CALL! NOW HE'S ANSWERING IT! BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE A STALL TO ME!

IT'S YOUR JOB, ARMY! TAIL HIM AND SERVE HIM SOME SHELLAC UNTIL HE SPILLS WHY HE CAME HERE!

A PLEASURE! ME, I FEEL LIKE A CUB SCOUT EVERY TIME I BOP A PRIVATE EYE!

GOOD... YES... OKAY!



HEY, YOU - WAIT! I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU!



DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR FIST, ARMY! YOU'LL FORGET IT WHEN YOU FEEL THIS TWIST! OF COURSE, IF YOU TALK, YOU'LL MAKE IT EASIER ALL AROUND! LET'S HAVE THE LOW-DOWN ON WHAT HAPPENED TO STACK CHANDLER AFTER HE KNOCKED OFF NICK CLAUSEN!



WELL, THAT'S NO SECRET! I'M GIVING IT STRAIGHT WHEN I TELL YOU THAT WE NEVER DID CATCH UP WITH STACK CHANDLER! ASK THE BOYS UPSTAIRS IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME! WE WERE NICK'S BODYGUARDS, BUT STACK SLIPPED PAST US!

ALL RIGHT! SET YOUR TEETH, AND I'LL PULL YOUR THUMB BACK IN JOINT!

THE NEXT STEP WAS TO MAKE THE ROUNDS OF THE BIG TIME GAMBLERS AND OTHER SMART BOYS WHO'D HAD DEALINGS WITH NICK CLAUSEN, SO WE DID...

NICK CLAUSEN WELCHED ON HIS BETS, SO SOME OF THE BOYS HIRED STACK CHANDLER TO GET HIM! THAT'S ALL!

WHO KNOWS WHERE STACK WENT AFTER HE CROAKED NICK? IT WAS SMART TO BLOW SO HE BLEW!

HE COULD HANDLE A DECK AS SMOOTH AS A GUN, STACK COULD! NICK LET HIM IN, THINKING HE WAS A CARD PLAYER!



A DAVE NAMED FRANCINE BELVILLE SHOWED UP RIGHT AFTER STACK CHANDLER LAMMED! BETTER ASK ARMY WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THAT!

SO YOU'RE CONVINCED WE DIDN'T KNOCK OFF STACK CHANDLER? ALL RIGHT, WE'LL ADMIT WE'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON THE BELVILLE DAME EVER SINCE!

ON ACCOUNT OF MAYBE SHE KNOWS WHERE STACK IS HIDING OUT? SHE WASN'T AROUND WHEN STACK CROAKED NICK, BUT SHE COULD HAVE HELPED STACK GET AWAY!

OKAY! I'M HUNTING STACK, TOO, FOR REASONS OF MY OWN, AND I HOPE I'M THE FIRST TO CATCH UP WITH HIM!



IF I'D SPECIFIED THOSE REASONS, ARMY AND HIS BOYS WOULD HAVE LAUGHED ME DOWN! FINDING STACK COULD CLEAR FRANCINE OF PARTICIPATION IN A MURDER WHICH, AFTER ALL, MIGHT HAVE EXISTED ONLY IN THE MIND OF HER PSYCHIATRIST! SO I CALLED IT A NIGHT, FIGURING THE NEXT PLAY WAS DOC PAULDING'S - WHICH WAS A LOT MORE THAN I REALIZED...

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I'VE TRIED TO COOPERATE, DOCTOR, AND ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS, BUT SOME WERE... WELL, TOO DIRECT! THEY MIGHT HAVE FORCED ME TO COMMIT MYSELF ON VERY PERSONAL MATTERS!

UNTIL YOU CAN VOLUNTARILY UNBURDEN YOUR MIND OF ALL ITS PROBLEMS, YOU WILL BE A VICTIM OF THE PSYCHOSIS WHICH AT PRESENT DISTURBS YOU!



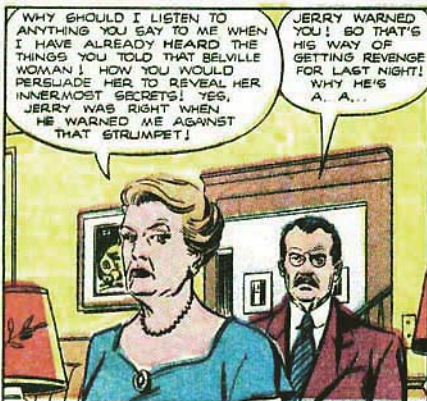
BUT DOCTOR, I CAN'T TELL YOU ALL! IF ONLY I COULD SLEEP...GET RID OF THE TERRIBLE DREAMS THAT DISTURB ME! THAT'S ALL I WANT!

YOUR DREAM LIFE WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF OUR NEXT CONSULTATION! I CAN ASSURE YOU, FRANCIENE, THAT YOU WILL SOON REVEAL YOUR INNERMOST SECRETS UNDER MY PERSUASION! GOOD NIGHT!



HOW ROMANTIC...OR SHOULD I SAY DRAMATIC? TOO BAD I DIDN'T STUDY YOUR PROFESSION AT CLOSER RANGE WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, MY DEAR! AH...PARTING MUST BE SUCH SWEET SORROW, WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH LOVELY PATIENTS!

DIANE I DON'T BE A FOOL! IF YOU WILL ONLY LISTEN...



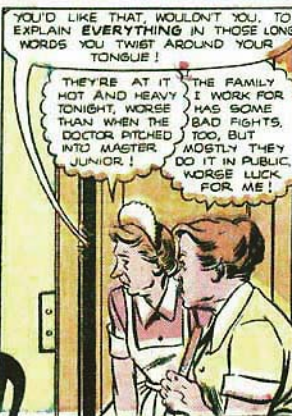
WHY SHOULD I LISTEN TO ANYTHING YOU SAY TO ME WHEN I HAVE ALREADY HEARD THE THINGS YOU TOLD THAT BELVILLE WOMAN! HOW YOU WOULD PERSUADE HER TO REVEAL HER INNERMOST SECRETS! YES, JERRY WAS RIGHT WHEN HE WARNED ME AGAINST THAT STRUMPET!

JERRY WARNED YOU! SO THAT'S HIS WAY OF GETTING REVENGE FOR LAST NIGHT! WHY HE'S A. A. A...



A WHELP! THAT'S WHAT YOU CALLED HIM, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOU DENY IT! BESIDES, I SAW YOU GREET THAT WOMAN LAST NIGHT AND JERRY SAW YOU LEAVE WITH HER! TONIGHT, WE BOTH WITNESSED THE WELCOME YOU GAVE HER!

MAYBE I WAS A LITTLE HASTY WHEN I SPOKE TO JERRY LAST NIGHT, DIANE, BUT I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING...



YOU'D LIKE THAT, WOULDN'T YOU, TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING IN THOSE LONG WORDS YOU TWIST AROUND YOUR TONGUE!

THEY'RE AT IT HOT AND HEAVY TONIGHT, WORSE THAN WHEN THE DOCTOR PITCHED INTO MASTER JUNIOR!

THE FAMILY I WORK FOR HAS SOME BAD FIGHTS, TOO, BUT MOSTLY THEY DO IT IN PUBLIC, WORSE LUCK FOR ME!



WELL, YOU CAN SAVE THOSE LONG WORDS FOR MISS FRANCIENE BELVILLE! THEY MAY IMPRESS HER ... BUT NOT ME! I'M GOING TO MY ROOM AND I INTEND TO STAY THERE!



DIANE, IF YOU WILL ONLY LISTEN...

SLAM!

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THE ECHOES OF DOMESTIC SQUABBLE REACHED MY OFFICE THE NEXT MORNING, BUT NEITHER WENDY NOR I REALIZED HOW SERIOUS IT MIGHT PROVE..



CERTAINLY, DR. PAULDING! I'LL PUT MR. GARDNER ON IT! RIGHT AWAY!

YOU SAY THAT MRS. PAULDING HAS LEFT YOU... BECAUSE OF FRANCINE! WAIT A MINUTE, DOCTOR—STRAIGHTENING OUT PERSONAL PROBLEMS IS YOUR DEPARTMENT, NOT MINE! OH, YOU THINK ALL THAT WILL ADJUST ITSELF AS SOON AS YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO TELL THE WHOLE STORY, AND YOU WANT ME TO GET THE PROOF AND GET IT QUICK! YOU'RE POSITIVE NOW THAT YOUR MURDER THEORY IS CORRECT! OKAY, I'LL STEP ON IT!



LOOK, WENDY, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! IF ANYTHING, FRANCINE WOULD HAVE HELPED STACK CHANDLER, NOT MURDERED HIM!

MAYBE SHE HELPED HIM MURDER SOMEONE ELSE! EVER THINK OF THAT, MR. MASTER MIND? WHY DON'T YOU DIG INTO THE PAST OF MR. STACK CHANDLER, WHILE I GET THE LOW-DOWN ON THE PRESENT OF MISS FRANCINE BELVILLE!



LOW-DOWN MAY BE THE TERM! PERHAPS THIS BELVILLE NUMBER IS TRYING TO BREAK UP DOC PAULDING'S HAPPY HEARTH AND HOME! GET WHAT YOU CAN ON HER WHILE I'M CHECKING STACK CHANDLER AT HEADQUARTERS!

GOODY! I WON'T EVEN HAVE TO BORROW YOUR BADGE OR GUN TO GET RESULTS! JUST WATCH WENDY!



BUT LISTEN, ROONEY! I DON'T CARE HOW SMART STACK CHANDLER WAS! SOME TIME OR OTHER YOU MUST HAVE GOTTEN PICTURES OF HIM... AND FINGERPRINTS!

THE ONLY PICTURES WE'VE GOT, GARDNER, ARE THESE!



STACK'S HANDS, TAKEN FROM A MOVIE! HE DOUBLED FOR SOME STAR IN A GAMBLING PICTURE, BUT HE NEVER DID SHOW HIS MUG! SORRY WE DON'T HAVE THE DECK OF CARDS HE USED! YOU MIGHT GET FINGERPRINTS FROM IT!



LIEUTENANT ROONEY AND HIS SENSE OF HUMOR DIDN'T APPEAL TO ME, BUT I TOOK THE PHOTOS ANYWAY AND HOPED THAT WENDY WAS DOING BETTER... WHICH SHE WAS...



AND TODAY WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER OF OUR CANASTA CLUB, MISS WENDY CAYTON! MEET MISS FRANCINE BELVILLE...

GLAD TO KNOW YOU! TAKE A CHAIR, HONEY AND I'LL DEAL YOU IN!



HOW ABOUT A SPOT OF TEA? THEN WE CAN CONTINUE THE GAME A WHILE LONGER! AFTER ALL, I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONLY WINNER!



I'LL PLAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT TO BUT I'LL HAVE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL FIRST!



...AND FRANCINE IS A WHIZ AT CARDS!



LIKE HER BOY FRIEND, STACK, EH? WELL, STICK WITH HER UNTIL SHE LEAVES FOR DOC PAULDING'S! LEARN ALL YOU CAN!

# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

MEANWHILE, MORE TROUBLE WAS BREWING AT DR PAULDING'S HIS 'HAPPY HEARTH' AND HOME WERE ON THE RAGGED EDGE OF DISASTER!..



NO, DOCTOR, I HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD FROM MRS. PAULDING ALL DAY! AND AS FOR MASTER JUNIOR—I MEAN MR. JEROME—ALL HE SAID WAS THAT HE'LL BE HOME LATER!

VERY WELL, HORTENSE! IF THERE ARE ANY CALLS, I'LL BE IN THE STUDY, GOING OVER THE HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS!



THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS... DEPOSITS, TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY... WITHDRAWALS... CHECKS... BALANCE... WHAT! WHAT'S THIS CHECK MADE OUT TO JUNIOR!



THIS CHECK FOR THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS! DID YOU FILL IT OUT TO YOURSELF ON ONE OF THOSE BLANKS SIGNED FOR YOUR MOTHER?

SURE I DID—AND WHY NOT! DIANE SAID I COULD! IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, ASK HER—HA, HA—IF YOU CAN FIND HER!



YOU—YOU UPSTART! I'LL SETTLE YOU—!

NOT TONIGHT, YOU WON'T!



FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE, I'M GLAD I STAYED SOBER! YOU'VE HAD THIS COMING TO YOU, YOU OLD WALRUS!



OH, DOCTOR PAULDING! OH, MASTER JERRY!

THAT CHECK PAID FOR THE PARTY I THREW! AND JUST SO YOU WON'T FORGET IT, HERE'S A REMINDER!



POOR DOCTOR PAULDING! IT'S TOO BAD ALL THIS SHOULD HAPPEN! MASTER JERRY DIDN'T KNOW HIS OWN STRENGTH, SIR! HE'S GONE OUT NOW BEING ASHAMED OF HIMSELF, I'M SURE!



NEVER MIND THE CHATTER, HORTENSE! TRY TO CONTACT MRS. PAULDING, AND TELL HER TO COME HOME! I MUST GET TO MY OFFICE! I AM EXPECTING A PATIENT!

# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

LATER, IN DR. PAULDING'S OFFICE...

YOUR FIXATION IS MURDER! I SUSPECTED AS MUCH AFTER YOUR FIRST VISIT! IF YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU NOW, I MUST KNOW THE WHOLE TRUTH!

ALL RIGHT, I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING! BUT NOT FOR THE RECORD!

... NOW THAT YOU'VE HEARD, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M UP AGAINST! OF COURSE I'M NERVOUS! OF COURSE I'M NEUROTIC! BUT WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

A MOST ASTONISHING SITUATION! BUT PERHAPS BY TOMORROW NIGHT I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTION! BE HERE AT EIGHT!

AND SHORTLY AFTER...

HORTENSE TELLS ME YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO ME, JEROME! IF IT HAS TO DO WITH MISS BELVILLE YOU HAD BETTER MAKE IT BRIEF!

VERY BRIEF, DIANE! ALL I CAN SAY - ALL I NEED TO SAY - IS THAT YOU CAN DISMISS MISS BELVILLE AS THOUGH SHE NEVER EXISTED!

...AND THAT'S THE STORY! DO YOU BELIEVE ME?

YES, I BELIEVE YOU, JEROME! ITS... ITS SO OUTLANDISH I'M SURE YOU COULDN'T BE LYING ABOUT IT!

WELL, WELL, HORTENSE! LISTENING IN ON FAMILY SECRETS AGAIN? RUN ALONG IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO TELL!

OH - MASTER JERRY!

AND I'M NOT HOLDING A GRUDGE AGAINST JERRY! HONESTLY, DIANE! I'VE EVEN MADE OUT MY WILL LEAVING HIM HALF OF ALL I OWN, WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED!

NOW I KNOW I CAN FORGIVE YOU, JEROME! GOOD NIGHT!

IF DR. PAULDING HAD INFORMED US OF HIS FINDINGS, THIS STORY WOULD HAVE HAD A DIFFERENT ENDING, FOR THE CASE OF FRANCINE BELVILLE WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED! BUT AS IT STOOD, WINDY AND I WERE STILL PURSUING OUR INVESTIGATIONS; THE NEXT DAY...

I CALLED DR. PAULDING, BUT THEY SAY HE'S GONE OUT FOR THE DAY - WITH HIS WIFE! APPARENTLY THEY'VE MADE UP! GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PLAY CANASTA AGAIN WITH FRANCINE!

GO AHEAD BUT TRY TO LOSE LESS THAN YOU DID YESTERDAY! THE ONLY NEW THING I'VE PICKED UP ABOUT STACK IS THAT BEFORE HE GOT INTO THE GAMBLING RACKET HE HAD A NIGHTCLUB ACT! BUT NOBODY KNOWS WHAT IT WAS OR WHERE HE PLAYED! HE NEVER TALKED ABOUT IT!

MEANWHILE

NO, DOCTOR PAULDING WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL THIS EVENING!

NICE SCOTCH THE DOCTOR ORDERS!

YOU SHOULD TRY ONE OF THESE EIGHTY-CENT CIGARS!

BUT YOU STILL OWE ME FIFTY BUCKS!

QUIT NEEDING ME AND I'LL HAVE THE DOUGH FOR YOU TOMORROW! I'LL GET IT AFTER THE GANG GOES! BOY! IF ALL I OWED WAS YOUR FIFTY, I'D BE LUCKY! I'M INTO THE BOOKMAKERS FOR PLENTY!

# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



THESE SCISSORS ARE NO GOOD! I'D ONLY BREAK THEM TRYING TO PRY THIS DRAWER WHERE THE TIGHT-FISTED CRABBY OLD COOT KEEPS HIS PETTY CASH! HEY, WAIT...



THERE'S SOMETHING BETTER THAN PETTY CASH! MURDER—AND THE DAME—HAS ANOTHER APPOINTMENT LATE TODAY! MAYBE I CAN...

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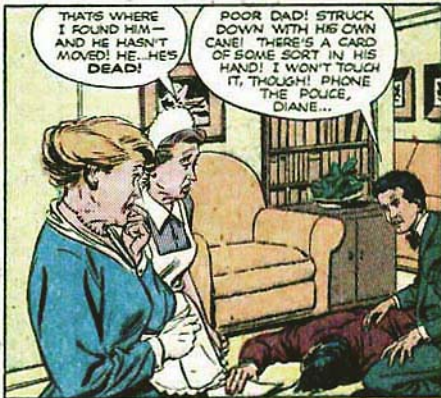


LATER...

YOU LOOK CHARMING, DIANE! TOO YOUNG TO BE A MOTHER! AND NOW THAT WE ARE A HAPPY FAMILY AGAIN...

WAIT, JERRY! WHAT IS IT, HORTENSE?

MRS. PAULDING—QUICK—SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED!



THAT'S WHERE I FOUND HIM—AND HE HASN'T MOVED! HE—HE'S DEAD!

POOR DAD! STRUCK DOWN WITH HIS OWN CANE! THERE'S A CARD OF SOME SORT IN HIS HAND! I WON'T TOUCH IT, THOUGH! PHONE THE POLICE, DIANE...

MEANWHILE, AT HEADQUARTERS...

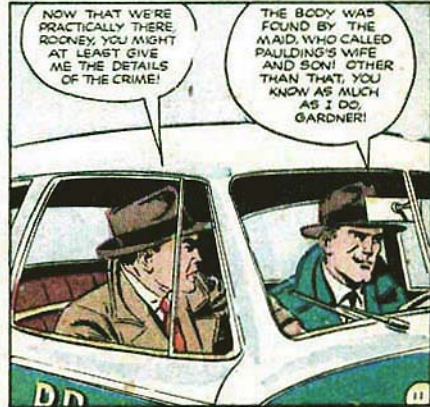


WHY RAKE UP THE CLAUSEN MURDER, CHIP? WE KNOW THAT STACK CHANDLER KILLED HIM—BUT BY NOW STACK IS PROBABLY IN TIMBUKTOU!

THIS BEVILLE DAME! MAYBE SHE CHECKED INTO THE HOTEL WITH STACK, BUT SHE WASN'T A PARTY TO THE CRIME! SHE HAD A ROOM ON THE FLOOR WHERE WE THOUGHT WE HAD STACK BOXED...

NAME OF VICTIM! DOCTOR JEROME B. PAULDING? WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

HEY! THAT'S MY CLIENT!



NOW THAT WE'RE PRACTICALLY THERE, RODNEY, YOU MIGHT AT LEAST GIVE ME THE DETAILS OF THE CRIME!

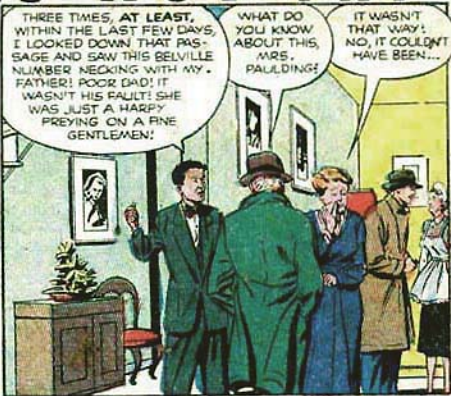
THE BODY WAS FOUND BY THE MAID, WHO CALLED PAULDING'S WIFE AND SON! OTHER THAN THAT, YOU KNOW AS MUCH AS I DO, GARDNER!

# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



FRANCINE BELVILLE... FIXATION, MURDER... ANOTHER APPOINTMENT SET FOR THIS EVENING! SAY- I WONDER IF THIS BELVILLE WOMAN KNEW WHAT DOC PAULDING HAD ON HER?

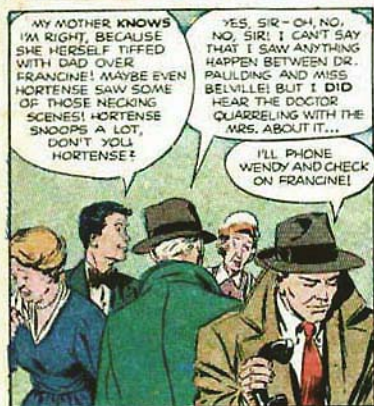
IF SHE DID, SHE MUST HAVE FELT SAFE ABOUT IT! MAYBE SHE THOUGHT SHE HAD SOMETHING ON HIM!



THREE TIMES, AT LEAST, WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS, I LOOKED DOWN THAT PASSAGE AND SAW THIS BELVILLE NUMBER NECKING WITH MY FATHER! POOR DAD! IT WASN'T HIS FAULT! SHE WAS JUST A HARPY PREYING ON A FINE GENTLEMAN!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS, MRS. PAULDING?

IT WASN'T THAT WAY! NO, IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN...



MY MOTHER KNOWS I'M RIGHT, BECAUSE SHE HERSELF TIPPED WITH DAD OVER FRANCINE! MAYBE EVEN HORTENSE SAW SOME OF THOSE NECKING SCENES! HORTENSE SNOOPS A LOT, DON'T YOU, HORTENSE?

YES, SIR- OH, NO, NO, SIR! I CAN'T SAY THAT I SAW ANYTHING HAPPEN BETWEEN DR. PAULDING AND MISS BELVILLE! BUT I DID HEAR THE DOCTOR QUARRELING WITH THE MRS. ABOUT IT...

I'LL PHONE WENDY AND CHECK ON FRANCINE!



FRANCINE, IT SO HAPPENED WAS CHECKING HERSELF INTO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME AT THAT VERY MOMENT! MEANWHILE, I HUNG ONTO THE PHONE! I WANTED WENDY'S LAST-MINUTE REPORT ON FRANCINE'S MOVEMENTS...

RINGGGG!  
RINGGG!



ARE YOU FRANCINE BELVILLE?

WHY... WHY, YES, I AM!

THEN COME INSIDE WITH US! LIEUTENANT ROONEY WANTS TO SEE YOU!

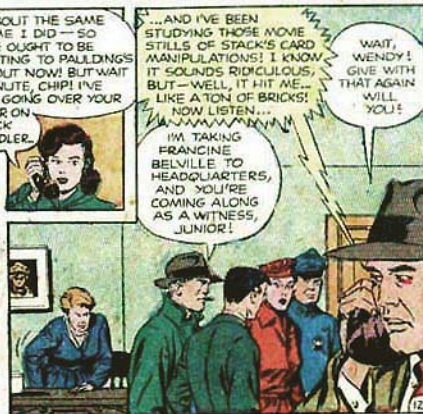


THERE'S THE WOMAN WHO MURDERED MY FATHER!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IS... IS DR. PAULDING...

HELLO, WENDY! SAY, WHEN DID FRANCINE LEAVE THE CANASTA CLUB?

ABOUT THE SAME TIME I DID - SO SHE OUGHT TO BE GETTING TO PAULDING'S ABOUT NOW! BUT WAIT A MINUTE, CHIEF! I'VE BEEN GOING OVER YOUR FOLDER ON STACK CHANDLER.



...AND I'VE BEEN STUDYING THOSE MOVIE STILLS OF STACK'S CARD MANIPULATIONS! I KNOW IT GOULDS RICKLEOUS, BUT - WELL, IT HIT ME LIKE A TON OF BRICKS! NOW LISTEN...

I'M TAKING FRANCINE BELVILLE TO HEADQUARTERS, AND YOU'RE COMING ALONG AS A WITNESS, JUNIOR!

WAIT, WENDY! GIVE WITH THAT AGAIN WILL YOU!

# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THAT MRS. PAULDING, IN A MISTAKEN GESTURE OF PROTECTIVE MOTHERHOOD, CAME UP WITH A GUN FROM THE DOCTOR'S DESK DRAWER...

YOU ARE NOT TAKING MY SON WITH YOU! HE HAS SUFFERED TOO MUCH ALREADY! I INSIST THAT YOU LEAVE HIM HERE IN MY CUSTODY!

NOW... BE REASONABLE, MRS. PAULDING!

STACK CHANDLER, GAMBLER... FRANCINE BELVILLE... CALASTA EXPERT... HAND PHOTOS...



AS A FLOOD OF ANSWERS HIT HOME ALL AT ONCE, I KNEW WHERE THE REAL DANGER LAY AND IT WASN'T THE OLD LADY! I LET FLY WITH THE PHONE JUST AS FRANCINE ALSO WHIPPED OUT A GUN...

I'LL TAKE THAT WEAPON, MRS. PAULDING!

HEY! HAVE BOTH DAMES GONE CRAZY?



WELL, WELL! STACK CHANDLER! IT'S TIME TO UNMASK, CHUM! HEY, ROONEY, GRAB JUNIOR! HE'S YOUR MURDERER OF DOC PAULDING! WHAT BREAK! WE SOLVED TWO CRIMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

COME BACK HERE!



LET ME INTRODUCE STACK CHANDLER, GENTLEMEN! REMEMBER THOSE HAND PHOTOS, ROONEY? WENDY RECOGNIZED THEM AT A CALASTA GAME WITH FRANCINE BELVILLE! THAT EXPLAINS HOW STACK DISAPPEARED AFTER HE MURDERED NICK CLAUSEN! HE DUCKED BACK INTO HIS HOTEL ROOM AND HE SWITCHED INTO A WOMAN'S DISGUISE!

...AND SINCE WENDY WAS WITH FRANCINE, YOU KNEW SOMEBODY ELSE MUST HAVE KILLED DOCTOR PAULDING! BUT HOW DID YOU PICK JUNIOR, HERE?



BECAUSE THE ROMANCE ANGLE WAS OUT, ONCE I KNEW FRANCINE WAS STACK! SO JERRY'S YARN ABOUT HIS FATHER DIDN'T HOLD! MRS. PAULDING ALREADY KNEW THE TRUTH, DIDN'T YOU, MRS. PAULDING?

YES, I DID! STACK CHANDLER ADMITTED THE IMPOSTURE TO MY HUSBAND LAST NIGHT AND HE TOLD ME TO PROVE THAT MY JEALOUSY WAS UNFOUNDED! I REALIZED THAT MY SON MUST HAVE KILLED HIS STEP-FATHER! POOR BOY! POOR BOY!

AND THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T WANT ME TO TAKE JERRY ALONG! WAH SORRY, MRS. PAULDING, BUT THE LAW MUST TAKE ITS COURSE!



SO I CRACKED THE CASE WITHOUT EVEN BEING THERE! BUT IT WASN'T SURPRISING THAT I RECOGNIZED STACK'S HANDS! AS FRANCINE'S, THEY FASCINATED ME!

AND THEY SHOULD HAVE! FROM THE SIZE OF YOUR LOSSES, STACK WAS LIVING UP TO HIS NAME! I'LL BET HE STACKED THE DECK EVERY TIME HE SHUFFLED IT!

GUILITY PLEASE SAVED BOTH STACK CHANDLER AND JERRY PAULDING FROM THE CHAIR! EACH RECEIVED LIFE TERMS! FROM THE COURT PROCEEDINGS, IT WASN'T SURPRISING THAT STACK HAD GONE JITTERY, WAITING AROUND AS FRANCINE BELVILLE, AND THAT HIS NEUROTIC NATURE FINALLY DROVE HIM TO A PSYCHIATRIST! HE WASN'T A KILLER BY TRADE, JUST A FAST HAND WITH A GUN AS WELL AS WITH A DECK OF CARDS! THOUGH IT WAS A GUARDED SECRET, SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE HE HAD MAD, A LIVING AS AN IMPERSONATOR IN WEST COAST NIGHT CLUBS AND THIS HAD GIVEN HIM THE IDEA FOR THE NICK CLAUSEN BUMP OFF! AS FOR JERRY, HE WAS JUST A WILD, NO-GOOD KID, UP TO HIS EARS IN DEBT, WHO COULDN'T WAIT FOR HIS LEGACY!



THE END

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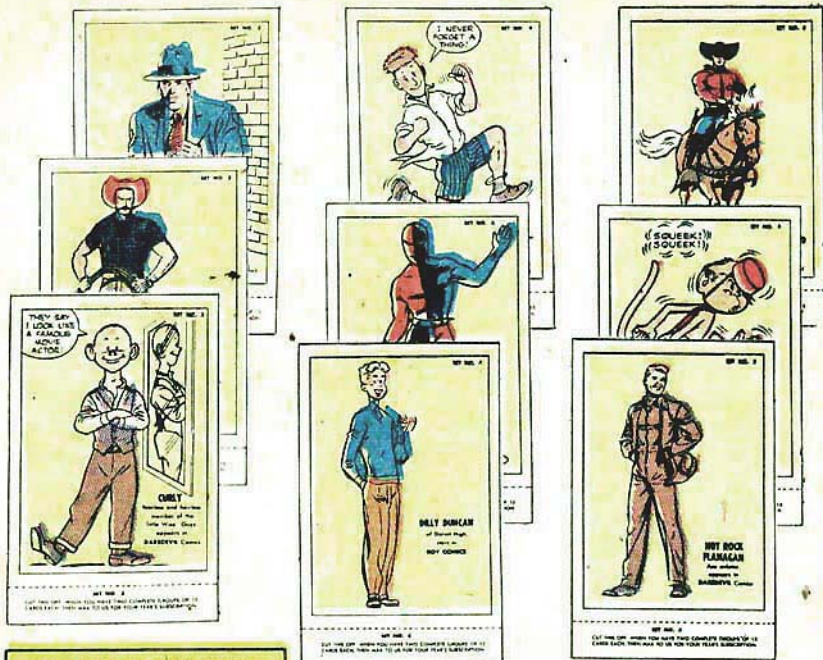
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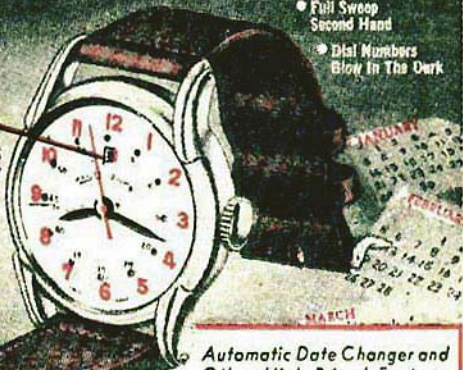
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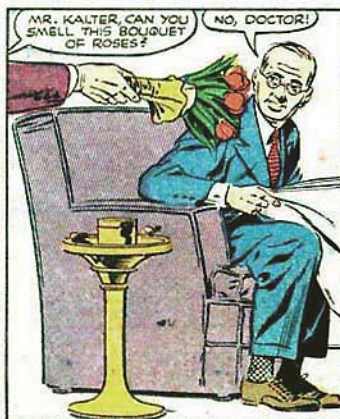
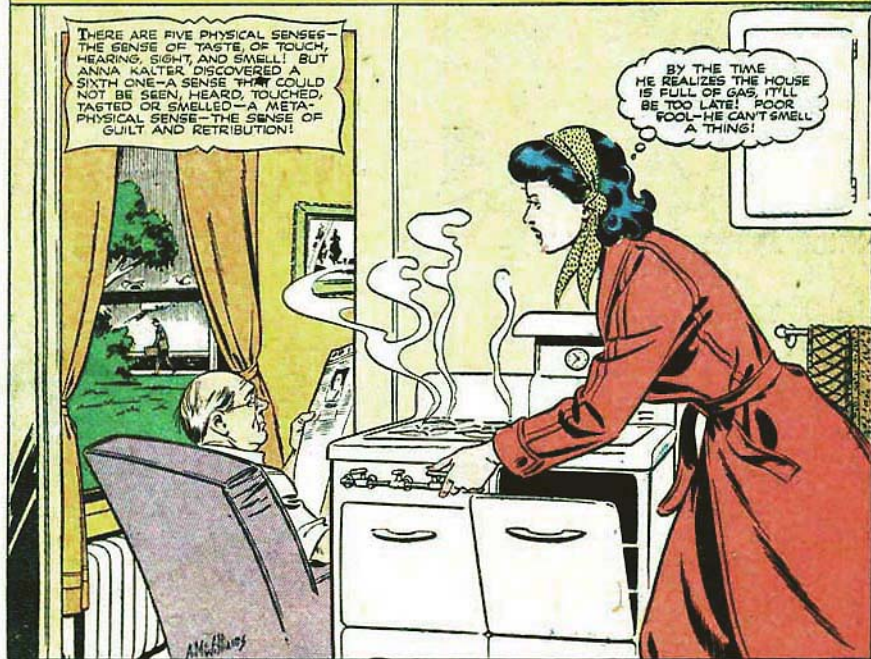
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## The Smell of DEATH

WAS SLOWLY FILLING THE HOUSE, CREEPING FROM ROOM TO ROOM, OVERWHELMING THE SENSES, BUT OLD MAN KALTER, UNAWARE THAT DANGER WAS ALL AROUND HIM, WENT ON READING HIS NEWSPAPER!

THERE ARE FIVE PHYSICAL SENSES—THE SENSE OF TASTE, OF TOUCH, HEARING, SIGHT, AND SMELL! BUT ANNA KALTER DISCOVERED A SIXTH ONE—A SENSE THAT COULD NOT BE SEEN, HEARD, TOUCHED, TASTED OR SMELLED—A META-PHYSICAL SENSE—THE SENSE OF GUILT AND RETRIBUTION!

BY THE TIME HE REALIZES THE HOUSE IS FULL OF GAS, IT'LL BE TOO LATE! POOR FOOL—HE CAN'T SMELL A THING!



MR. KALTER, CAN YOU SMELL THIS BOUQUET OF ROSES?

NO, DOCTOR!



CAN YOU SMELL THIS LIMBURGER CHEESE?

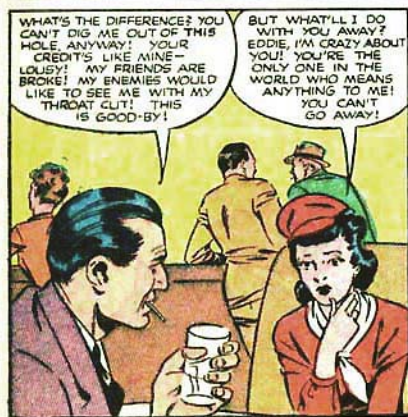
I CAN'T SMELL A THING!

...THIS CHEMICAL SPRAY? IF YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF SMELL LEFT...

...THESE SMELLING SALTS?

...THIS ONION? NO? WELL, MR. KALTER, YOU'D BETTER COME TO MY OFFICE TOMORROW FOR FURTHER DIAGNOSIS!

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THOSE ARE THE CHANCES YOU TAKE, BABY! I'VE BEEN TAKING CHANCES ALL MY LIFE! YOU CAN'T PLAY ANYTHING SAFE! YOU WIN OR YOU LOSE—IT'S THE BREAKS!

HOW LONG CAN YOU STICK AROUND? COULD YOU STAY A WEEK?



DEPENDS ON WHETHER I WAS SURE OF GETTING THE FIVE GRAND AND FORGET ABOUT TRYING TO WORK FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OUT OF YOUR STEPFATHER! HE HATES ME LIKE POISON! ALL HE'D GIVE ME IS ARSENIC!

HE'S GOT TO UNDERSTAND THAT MY HAPPINESS IS AT STAKE! WITHOUT YOU, I'M NOTHING! I'VE NOTHING TO LIVE FOR! HE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT!



EDDIE.. IF I GET THE MONEY AND IF YOU'RE IN THE CLEAR, WILL YOU MARRY ME? I WANT TO GET SOME-THING OUT OF THIS, TOO!

LOOK, BABY, I'M IN NO BARGAINING SPOT! I'M MARKED-DOWN GOODS! YOU GET ME FOR FIVE GRAND, EVEN! SATISFIED?

YOU STAY THE WEEK OUT, EDDIE... I'LL GET THE MONEY!



I'LL TAKE A MIRACLE! YOUR OLD MAN'S GOT JUST ENOUGH FOR HIS OLD AGE! IF HE LET THAT CUSHION GO, HE'D WIND UP IN THE POOR HOUSE! YOU'RE DREAMING, ANNA! HE'LL NEVER GIVE IT TO YOU!

LEAVE THAT TO ME! JUST YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU PROMISED ME, TODAY...



THE SELFISHNESS OF OLD PEOPLE! WHAT IF HE DOESN'T LIKE EDDIE? CAN'T I MAKE MY OWN MISTAKES?

FATHER? ARE YOU DOWN IN THE CELLAR?

YES! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GET THIS STEP FIXED!



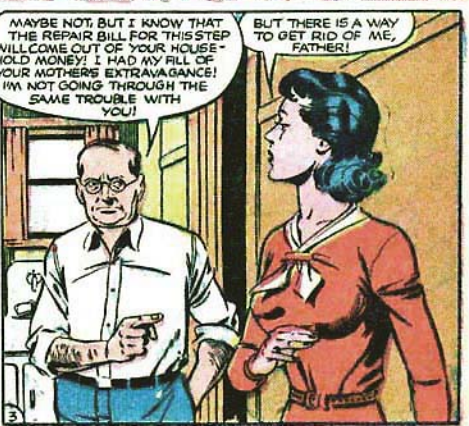
I CAME DOWN TO LOOK AT THE FURNACE AND I ALMOST BROKE MY NECK! THAT FIFTEEN DOLLARS I GAVE YOU LAST WEEK TO HAVE THIS STEP REPAIRED! WHERE IS IT? AND DON'T LIE TO ME AGAIN!

IT WOULDN'T MATTER WHAT I TOLD YOU! YOU'D THINK I WAS LYING, ANYWAY!



WHAT DID IT GO FOR? PERFRUME? SHOES? OR DID YOU GIVE IT TO THAT NO-GOOD EDDIE... TO PAY FOR HIS DINNER?

IT WENT FOR A NEW HAT! I'M THIRTY-THREE! IF I'M EVER TO GET A HUSBAND, A REPAIRED CELLAR STEP WON'T HELP ME! A NEW HAT MIGHT... BUT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT SUCH THINGS!



MAYBE NOT, BUT I KNOW THAT THE REPAIR BILL FOR THIS STEP WILL COME OUT OF YOUR HOUSE-HOLD MONEY! I HAD MY FILL OF YOUR MOTHER'S EXTRAVAGANCE! I'M NOT GOING THROUGH THE SAME TROUBLE WITH YOU!

BUT THERE IS A WAY TO GET RID OF ME, FATHER!

# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



EDDIE JUST ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM! DON'T LAUGH! HE MEANS IT. BUT HE ALSO WANTS FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS! THAT MONEY CAN BUY ME A HAPPY LIFE! EDDIE IS ALL I WANT TO LIVE FOR! YOUR ANSWER CAN MAKE OR BREAK ME!

YOU KNOW MY ANSWER! WHAT WOULD I LIVE ON IF I GAVE MY LAST PENNY TO YOU? BESIDES, IF YOU'RE CRAZY, I'M CERTAINLY NOT!



A MARRIAGE LIKE THAT WOULD BE SUICIDE! EDDIE DOYLE IS VICIOUS, SELFISH, WORTHLESS AND ALWAYS IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW! I'M NOT GOING TO PALPERIZE MYSELF BECAUSE YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON A CRIMINAL!

BUT I LOVE EDDIE! IF HE GOES AWAY, I HAVE NOTHING LEFT! YOU GOT TO HELP ME, FATHER! YOU CAN'T SAY "NO" TO ME!



ANNA! I'VE WORKED HARD FOR FORTY YEARS! I'VE GOT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND MY SOCIAL SECURITY TO SHOW FOR IT! I WON'T BE THE RESULT OF FORTY YEARS OF LABOR TO EDDIE DOYLE TO GAMBLE AWAY IN ONE HOUR! FORGET IT!

I SMELL GAS! DID YOU TURN IT ON?



OF COURSE! I... OWWW!



THE GAS JET! I TURNED IT ON BUT THE PILOT LIGHT MUST HAVE BEEN OUT! THE GAS WAS ESCAPING BUT I... I COULDN'T SMELL IT! THE DOCTOR WARNED ME I WOULDN'T SMELL ANYTHING!

YOU HAVE A NASTY BURN! I'LL CALL DR. FIELD TO COME OVER RIGHT AWAY!



NOT BEING ABLE TO SMELL IS A NUISANCE, MR. KALTER, BUT NO MORE—IF YOU'RE CAREFUL! TONIGHT IS AN EXAMPLE! IF ANNA HADN'T BEEN IN THE HOUSE, YOU MIGHT HAVE BRUSHED AGAINST THOSE GAS JETS, OPENED THEM ALL, AND NEVER REALIZED THAT THE HOUSE WAS FILLING UP WITH GAS UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE!

THAT'S AWFUL DOCTOR! CAN'T FATHER SMELL ANYTHING AT ALL?



NO, HIS SENSE OF SMELL HAS BEEN IRREPARABLY DAMAGED! DIDN'T HE TELL YOU?

HE NEVER TELLS ME ANYTHING! WELL, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO WATCH HIM MORE CLOSELY!

WATCH ME SUFFER, YOU MEAN! THIS NOT BEING ABLE TO SMELL IS A CURSE!

# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



IT'S TRUE! THIS HORRIBLE INCENSE WOULD SICKEN ANYBODY... YET HE HASN'T EVEN TWITCHED HIS NOSTRILS! I WONDER...



HE CARRIES INSURANCE AND I'M THE ONLY BENEFICIARY! IF SOMETHING ACCIDENTAL HAPPENED TO HIM, I'D COLLECT ON HIS ESTATE! I COULD BORROW AGAINST MY INHERITANCE... EDDIE'D BE IN THE CLEAR...



HOLD YOUR BREATH, EDDIE! I'M GETTING THE MONEY! REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT EVERYTHING BEING A GAMBLE! WELL, I'M GAMBLING!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND, BAW! YOU— GAMBLING? ON WHAT? HORSES? DICE?



NO, EDDIE! ON HUMAN LIFE! IT'S EITHER HIS HAPPINESS OR MINE! ONE OF US HAS TO LOSE!



I'LL LET A FEW DAYS PASS, THEN THE NIGHT BEN VINSON COMES TO PLAY CHESS WITH HIM, I'LL LEAVE ONE OF THE CELLAR WINDOWS OPEN...



...LIKE THIS! I'LL BE OUT OF THE HOUSE BY SEVEN... OFF TO A MOVIE! I'LL SNEAK BACK TEN MINUTES LATER, THROUGH THIS WINDOW AND UP TO THE KITCHEN WHERE I'LL TURN ON THE GAS JETS! ALL THE HOUSE WINDOWS WILL BE LOCKED! IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR THE PLACE TO FILL WITH GAS!



BY THE TIME BEN VINSON KNOCKS ON THE DOOR AT NINE, IT'LL ALL BE OVER! AND IT'LL LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT! I'LL PUT A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS ON THE BURNERS... PREPARATIONS FOR REFRESHMENTS...



ACTUALLY, I'M NOT GAMBLING! I'VE NO OTHER WAY OUT, EDDIE! IF I CAN'T HAVE YOU, I DON'T WANT TO GO ON LIVING!



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

TWO DAYS LATER, AT 6:30 P.M....

THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU, ANNA, PREPARING A SNACK FOR BEN VINSON AND ME!

FORGET IT! YOU'RE PAYING THE GROCERY BILLS, AREN'T YOU? THERE'S CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE AND BOILED POTATOES IN THREE DIFFERENT POTS! IT'S ALL COOKED! JUST TURN ON THE GAS AND WARM IT UP WHEN BEN GETS HERE! I'LL BE BACK ABOUT TEN!

THERE HE GOES... WELL, HE'S ALL SET... LISTENING TO THE RADIO AND READING HIS PAPER!

I KNOW HOW HE WON'T LEAVE HIS CHAIR TILL BEN VINSON ARRIVES!

BUT HE'LL NEVER HEAR BEN VINSON! KNOCK ON THE DOOR!



HIS RADIO IS PLAYING SO LOUD HE WON'T HEAR ME! NOW TO GET DOWN TO THE CELLAR AND OUT... TO THINK I'M ONLY TWO HOURS AWAY FROM HAVING EVERYTHING I'VE EVER WANTED!

D. DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG... FEEL SO DIZZY... T... THE PHONE'S RINGING... M... MAYBE...

B. BEN? GULP! WHAT? CAN'T COME TONIGHT? YOU'RE SICK... FUNNY... SO'M I... NEED A DOCTOR... I... OHHHH...



MARTIN! WHAT'S WRONG!

SOUNDS LIKE HE'S PASSED OUT! FD BETTER PHONE THE DOCTOR—NO, THE POLICE FIRST! THEY'LL GET THERE QUICKER!

FIVE MINUTES LATER...

GREAT GUNS! NO WONDER KALTER WAS OVERCOME! THE HOUSE IS FULL OF GAS! I WARNED HIM ABOUT TURNING ON THE GAS JETS... HE HAD NO SENSE OF SMELL!

THAT CORROBORATES EVERYTHING THEN! I'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE TO SHOW YOU, DOC—IN THE CELLAR!

ANNA KALTER— DEAD—HER NECK BROKEN! HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

TRIPPED ON THAT BROKEN STEP AND FELL TO THE CEMENT FLOOR! SHE WAS IN A HURRY TO LEAVE THE HOUSE! IF YOU HAD TURNED ON ALL THE GAS JETS TO KILL YOUR STEPFATHER FOR HIS INSURANCE, YOU'D BE IN A HURRY TOO, WOULDN'T YOU? SHE DIED SHORTLY AFTER WE ARRIVED, AND CONFESSED IN HER LAST MOMENT OF CONSCIOUSNESS!

THE NEXT MORNING...

HEY, DOYLE! YOU FORGOT YOUR PAPER!

SKIP IT! NO GOOD NEWS IN THE PAPERS THESE DAYS! THE VERY AFTERNOON YOU GUYS ARREST ME, I PICK TWO EIGHT-TO ONE SHOTS AT SANTA ANITA! HOW'S THAT FOR A BREAK?



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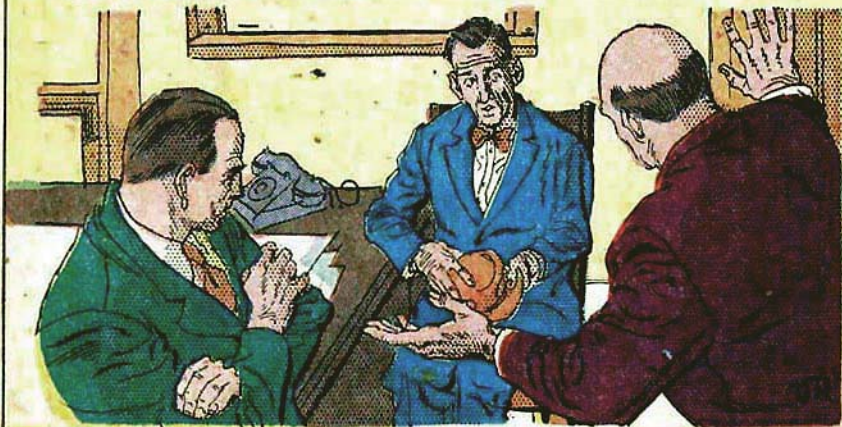
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## **CARNEY COULDN'T SQUEAL!**



**B**ENNY GOUGH was confident and cocky when the cops picked him up. He seemed so sure of himself that even Detective Hanrahan had doubts. Instead of the whining, sniveling Benny, he was a reformed character who shoved his cap back on his head and looked you straight in the eye.

"You boys are making a mistake," said Benny, referring to Hanrahan and his fellow-officers. "I've been on the square for two years now, selling novelties. You might queer my job, picking me up this way. That ain't fair."

"It's orders, Benny," Hanrahan told him. "We've got to take you in for questioning."

"I'm coming under protest," snapped Benny. "If I lose my job, then what?"

At headquarters, Benny sang the same tune. He'd been going straight and had a bank balance to show for it. No snivels, no snarls. He just wanted to be on his way.

"So a store was stuck up!" Benny barked. "What's that got to do with me? I'm peddling novelties. Making dough at it, too. Why should I take a chance?"

"Never mind all that, Benny," said Chief Higgins. "Your rep is still bad. Think back and tell us where you were the night before last,

from five to six o'clock."

"Okay, chief. Listen. I hit Niffin's Store on Slade Street at four o'clock. I hung around half an hour to see old man Niffin. I sold him a seventeen-dollar list. That meant almost six dollars profit. I left there at quarter to five. I'd made twenty-two bucks clear, that day. I should risk a four-dollar holdup? Nertz!

"Anyway, from Niffin's I walked to the corner of Chestnut and Grimes in time to catch the bus to Hanover, that hits the corner at five minutes after five. Check the driver and he'll tell you I was on the bus to Hanover, because the guy knows me. I got to Hanover just about six o'clock and there I hopped off at Third and Appleton, where I went into Paddock's joint for a couple of beers. You ask Paddy. He'll tell you."

Chief Higgins leaned back and stared at the ceiling as though performing mental calculations.

"It's only a twenty-five minute bus run to Hanover, Benny. How come it took you until six o'clock?"

"Because the bus was late," said Benny. "They were fixing a sewer and we had to wait."

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"So the bus didn't pass the corner of Chestnut and Grimes at five minutes after five! It didn't come along until half past five. Am I right?"

"Yeah, chief, but that don't mean nothing. I was on the bus. Check, and you'll find out."

"We'll do that, Benny. But there's one thing you left out. Night before last, there was a sign at the corner. It said that because of the sewer repair, the bus was going through Pulaski Street, four blocks over. It also said the bus would run twenty minutes later than usual, so people could walk those four blocks in time."

Benny gave a shrug

"Brombaugh's Variety Store is in those four blocks, Benny," reminded Chief Higgins. "So it was on your way, wasn't it? Besides, you carry rubber masks in that novelty case of yours, the kind that were used in the stickup at Brombaugh's."

"Wait a minute!" Benny looked from one set face to another. "What is this, a frame? I ain't mixed up in any holdups. I'm playing square. Leave me be!"

The chief leaned forward on his desk. His eyes were hard and his hands gripped the sides of the desk until his knuckles showed white.

"Let's stop playing games, Benny. I'm not worrying about a holdup. I'm out to get a murderer!"

Benny's jaw dropped in surprise, or the best imitation of it that Chief Higgins had ever seen. The little salesman looked around again, at Hanrahan and the other detectives.

"I didn't. I didn't. . . I. . ."

The chief smiled grimly.

"You didn't what?"

"I don't know from nothing," Benny argued. "I wasn't there. I don't even know if Brombaugh is dead."

Chief Higgins relaxed slightly, but his words bored home. He wasn't sure of himself, but he knew Benny Gough for a slippery eel, so he tried another tack.

"I didn't say he was, but what happened to your red silk scarf, Benny? You always were mighty careful of it. Where is it?"

Benny sighed in relief. This was going to be easy.

"I loaned it to Ed Carney a week ago," Benny said. "He wanted to wear it one night, so I let him."

"You and Ed used to do some heist jobs together, didn't you, Benny?"

Again, Benny's eyes looked haunted. "Not since I done my last stretch, chief. I'm on the straight. I've told you."

The chief waved his hand and laughed.

"Now I've got you, Benny!" he said. "What would you say if I told you we brought in Ed Carney and he spilled? Told us the whole setup? How you two planned the Brombaugh job and the alibi? How you dumped the gun in the sewer before the bus came along?"

Benny tried to look at the detectives but his eyes wouldn't level. None of the detectives spoke. They were glaring at Benny.

"He couldn't have . . ." Benny stopped short, as if taking a deep bite at his tongue. He hesitated only a second, then: "Because it ain't true. I tell you, I didn't have a gun."

"You're right," agreed Chief Higgins, with an approving nod. "Ed Carney couldn't have spilled and you know it! Carney is dead! Strangled, Benny, with your red silk scarf around his neck! You'll hang for it, Benny, with hemp instead of silk. You set up your alibi for the wrong time."

"Carney was strangled at about five o'clock, and he rooms between Niffin's store and the bus stop. Too bad you couldn't have been satisfied to sell novelties and keep going straight, Benny. Robbing Brombaugh and knocking him cold only made things worse. Loaning your scarf to Carney was clever, but not clever enough."

"I didn't rob Brombaugh and I didn't croak Carney!"

"Lock him up!" Chief Higgins wiped the perspiration from his forehead and leaned back as Benny was led away, still protesting.

"How do you figure it, Chief?" Detective Hanrahan asked, still puzzled.

"We didn't have a thing on Benny," Chief Higgins admitted. "But he didn't tell us about the change in the bus route and he knew Carney too well. Maybe Benny did lend the scarf to Carney, but when he said Carney *couldn't* squeal, I knew he knew something. We'll have to build up a case, but that should be simple, now that we know we've got the murderer. Benny hated both Carney and Brombaugh. Brombaugh got him his last stretch in the pen, and Carney had tried to frame him a year back on a taxi stick-up."

Convinced that the police knew the answers, Benny Gough confessed to strangling Carney. He insisted that on two petty robberies Carney had worn *his* scarf and a rubber mask to mislead the victims into identifying him as Benny—and Benny never liked double-crossers! But it was Carney's stunt that gave Benny his idea for an alibi. Robbing Brombaugh was a spur-of-the-moment job, because of his setup alibi.

So Benny got a stretch in stir, but he was lucky. It was only ten-to-twenty years, since there was no conclusive proof to dispute Benny's motive.

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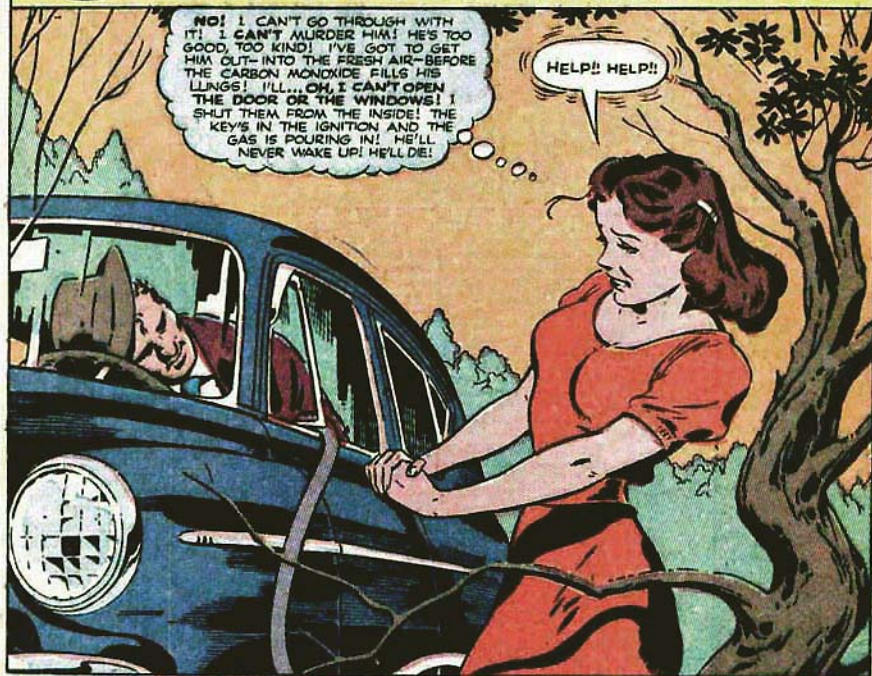


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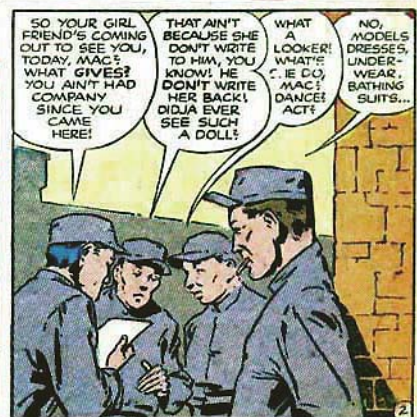
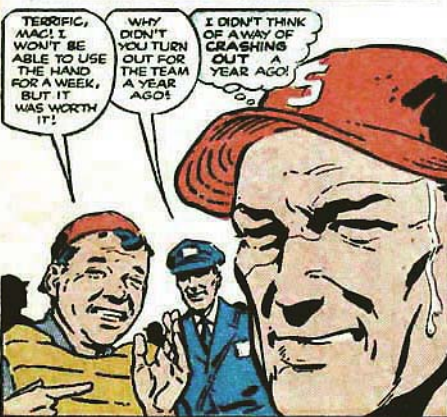
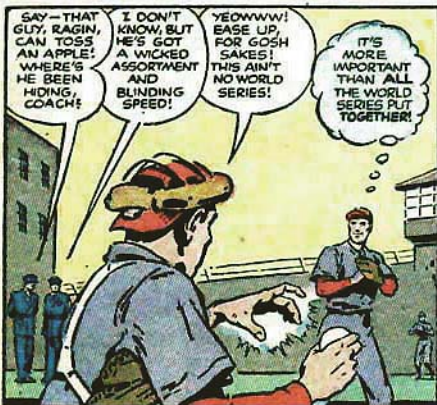
## MISSION: MURDER!



IN A CELL AT THE BIG HOUSE, A MAN NAMED MAC RAGIN THOUGHT DAY AND NIGHT OF BUT ONE THING...



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

AND YOU WOULDN'T LET THAT DAME COME UP HERE TO SEE YOU?

MAC'S A LIER! HE DON'T SEE THE POINT OF IT! LOOK WHAT SHE WRITES— WITH BITTER LOVE!

YOU CAN KEEP LOVE LOYALTY—THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED! A DAME'S GOT TO BE LOVAL! IF SHE SWEARS SHE'LL DO SOMETHING, SHE'S GOT TO DO IT—NO MATTER WHAT! LOYALTY'S WHAT I WANT FROM A WOMAN!

THAT AFTERNOON...

MAC!  
MAC!  
DARLING!  
AT LAST!  
...OH,  
MAC!

NOW, LOOK! DON'T BREAK DOWN! IF YOU'RE GOING TO BAWL ALL OVER THE PLACE, GO HOME! I CAN'T TAKE IT! JUST SIT DOWN! AND TALK! NO SCENES! THIS ISN'T THE BACK SEAT OF A CAR, YOU KNOW!

YOU NEVER ANSWERED MY LETTERS! YOU REFUSED TO SEE ME! I HATE YOU! SO, SWEETHEART! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GO ON WITH-OUT YOU, MAC! THAT TERRIBLE TRIAL! DID YOU... I MEAN...

SURE I KILLED HIM! DEVILLI WELCHED ON ME! HE DESERVED TO DIE! WHAT DO YOU THINK? BU THAT COP-PEP— HE DIDN'T CARE TWO CENTS FOR DEVILLI—BUT HE HAD TO PUT ME HERE FOR LIFE! LISTEN CLOSE, BABY! I CAN'T TALK LOUD...

...I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!

WH...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THEY'RE NOT PAROLING ME, NIT-WIT! I'M CRASHING OUT!

BUT YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, MAC! NOBODY DOES! YOU'LL BE KILLED!

NOT THE WAY I'VE PLANNED IT! NOW SHUT UP, WILL YOU, AND LET ME TALK!

THIS CAN'T MISS IF YOU FOLLOW ORDERS! I CAN'T WORK IT WITHOUT YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO WAIT FOR ME IN A FAST CAR AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS 23 AND 9 NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON... BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX!

BUT THAT'S A HUNDRED MILES FROM HERE! HOW WILL YOU BE THERE?

WE PLAY MORGAN PEN SATURDAY!

WHAT ON EARTH HAS BASE-BALL TO DO WITH IT'S?

YOU LOVE ME, DON'T YOU? YOU SAID YOU'D DO ANYTHING TO MAKE ME HAPPY!

OF COURSE, MAC—BUT...

THEN YOU'LL BE AT HIGHWAYS 23 AND 9 NEXT SATURDAY!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT SOUNDS MAD!

I'LL RELAX NOW AND PLAY A LITTLE BALL! GOT TO IMPROVE MY CONTROL!

YOU SAID IT, MAC! CONTROL TAKES YOU OUT OF MANY A TIGHT SPOT!

THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, AT MORGAN PEN...

YOU PITCHED A GREAT GAME, RAGIN!

THAT'S NOTHING, SERGEANT! WAIT TILL YOU SEE MY NEXT SHOW!

WHAT CONTROL! HE PUT THAT APPLE RIGHT WHERE I WANTED IT! HE COULD KNOCK THAT GUY OUT OF A GRASSHOPPER AT FIFTY YARDS!

# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



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IT'S MAC RAGIN! HE'S MAKING A BREAK FOR IT!

THE CRAZY FOOL! HE CAN'T GET AWAY!

OHH!

RAT-TAT-TAT!



A MOMENT LATER...  
MAC!!

RAT-TAT-TAT!



WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR? START THE CAR! THEY CAN'T FOLLOW US! GASPI! I HIT THEIR GAS TANK!

BUT YOU'RE WOUNDED! YOU NEED A DOCTOR! I JUST CAN'T DRIVE OFF!



SHUT UP AND DO WHAT I TELL YOU! PUSH THAT PEDAL DOWN TO THE FLOOR!

B..BUT YOU'RE BLEEDING, MAC!

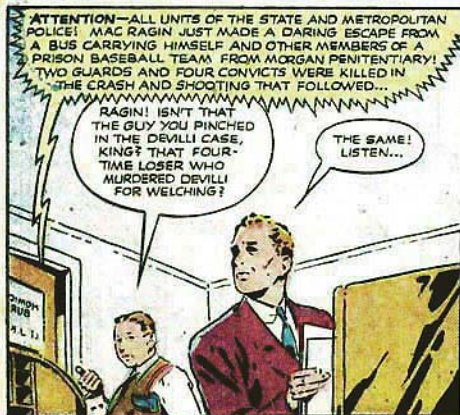
JUST SCRATCHES! STEP ON IT!

RAGIN'S DONE FOR! HE CAUGHT A BACKFUL OF SLUGS!



DON'T WATCH ME! W..WATCH THE ROAD! THERE'LL BE A POLICE SIGNAL OUT TO LOOK FOR THIS CAR! THE FOOLS! THEY CAN'T STOP ME!

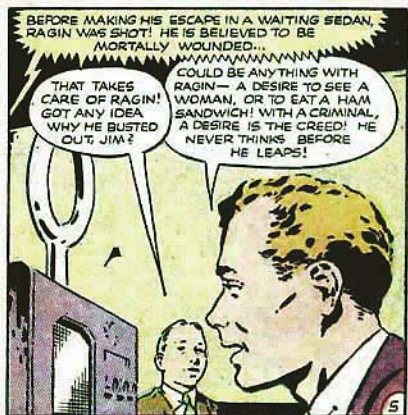
K..KING PUT ME IN THIS SPOT! HE RUINED ME! EVEN A HUNDRED SLUGS COULDN'T SPOIL MY REVENGE!



ATTENTION—ALL UNITS OF THE STATE AND METROPOLITAN POLICE! MAC RAGIN JUST MADE A DARING ESCAPE FROM A BUS CARRYING HIMSELF AND OTHER MEMBERS OF A PRISON BASEBALL TEAM FROM MORGAN PENITENTIARY! TWO GUARDS AND FOUR CONVICTS WERE KILLED IN THE CRASH AND SHOOTING THAT FOLLOWED...

RAGIN! ISN'T THAT THE GUY YOU PINCHED IN THE DEVILLI CASE, KING? THAT FOUR-TIME LOSER WHO MURDERED DEVILLI FOR WELCHING?

THE SAME! LISTEN...



BEFORE MAKING HIS ESCAPE IN A WAITING SEDAN, RAGIN WAS SHOT! HE IS BELIEVED TO BE MORTALLY WOUNDED...

THAT TAKES CARE OF RAGIN! GOT ANY IDEA WHY HE BUSTED OUT JIM?

~~~~~  
COULD BE ANYTHING WITH RAGIN— A DESIRE TO SEE A WOMAN, OR TO EAT A HAM SANDWICH! WITH A CRIMINAL, A DESIRE IS THE CREEPY! HE NEVER THINKS BEFORE HE LEAPS!

# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



!GASPI! IT'S NO USE, BABY! I...I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE IT!...THEY GOT ME! T.TURN OFF THE ROAD...

N..NO! I'M DRIVING YOU TO A DOCTOR!



TURN OFF! Y..YOU'RE NOT DOING ME ANY FAVORS! I..IF THEY PUNCH ME UP, I'LL FRY! YOU'LL GO TO JAIL... AND Y..YOU CAN'T! !GASPI! Y..YOU GOT A JOB TO DO FOR ME! YOU G..GOT TO GET A COP FOR ME...

I HATE THEM! THEY TOOK YOU AWAY FROM ME! THEY'S..SHOT YOU... !SOB!



NO BABY! N...NOT THE COPS! A COP! COP BY THE NAME OF KING! THEY M...MADE HIM A LIEUTENANT SINCE HE SENT ME UP! !GASPI! IT'S A REWARD... LIKE! G..GET THIS, BABY...

NO, MAC! DON'T TALK! Y..YOU'RE WEAK...



I...I'M GETTING WEAKER! SO LISTEN...LISTEN GOOD! YOU G..GOT TO GET THIS KING FOR ME...OR ELSE I...I WON'T DIE EASY! Y..YOU GOT TO PROMISE TO GET HIM, BABY! IT ISN'T THE MACHINE G..GUN BULLETS... I..IT'S KING WHO K..KILLED ME...

Y..YES, DARLING! !SOB!! I'LL GET H..HIM! I'LL DO ANY-THING YOU SAY!



S..SWEAR IT! SWEAR ON YOUR LIFE Y..YOU'LL KILL K..KING!



I SWEAR...!SOB!! I SWEAR I'LL KILL HIM FOR DOING THIS TO YOU! !SOB!! OH, MAC... MAC! D..DON'T LEAVE ME... HE'S DEAD! HE'S DEAD!



THE FOLLOWING DAY...

STILL NO NEWS! I GUESS THEY DIDN'T FIND MAC'S BODY OR THE CAR YET! THERE'S KING NOW! I COULD SHOOT HIM - BUT MAC WOULDN'T BE VERY PROUD OF ME! IT'S GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER THAT COUNTS!

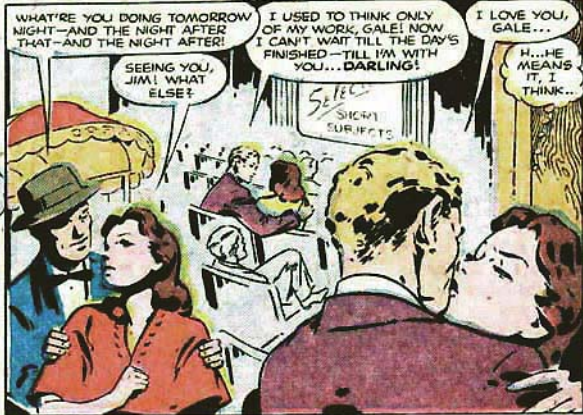
HI, LIEUTENANT! GOING TO THE BALL SATURDAY NIGHT?

YOU BET, SAM! NEVER YET MISSED THE POLICEMENS BALL! IT'S NOT SO LONG AGO I WAS ROUNDING A BEAT!



THE POLICEMENS BALL! I KNOW A YOUNG ROOKIE WHO'S DYING TO TAKE ME! I COULD MEET KING THERE! KING'S YOUNG, SINGLE! HE'D GO FOR ME! I COULD GET TO KNOW HIM WELL, SEE HOW HE LIVES, WHEN HE COMES AND GOES! I COULD FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET HIM GOOD!

# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



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MY HEAD'S BEEN TURNED BY A FEW SWEET PHRASES! LIKE A SCHOOL GIRL, I HUNG ON EVERY WORD! WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! BUT NOT AFTER TONIGHT! I'D FORGOTTEN WHAT I OWE MAC—BUT THE FOOLISHNESS ENDS TOMORROW NIGHT!



THE FOLLOWING EVENING, AT A ROADSIDE RESTAURANT...

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, GALE! JUST A TELEPHONE CALL!

HERE'S MY CHANCE! A SLEEPING PILL IN HIS COFFEE! WHEN HE PASSES OUT AT THE WHEEL, DRIVING ME HOME, I CAN RIG UP THE CAR FOR A CARBON MONOXIDE SUICIDE...



D. DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, GALE! I FEEL SO SLEEPY ALL OF A SUDDEN! YAWN! 'T. THING'S GETTING SO D. DARK...

I'LL LOCK ALL THE DOORS AND WINDOWS! MY ALBI IS THAT HE TOOK ME HOME, FIRST! NOBODY COULD PROVE A THING AGAINST ME! THERE ARE NO WITNESSES... I'LL LOOK LIKE A SUICIDE...



I'LL SAY HE ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM AND I TURNED HIM DOWN! HE WAS D. DESPONDENT WHEN HE LEFT MY HOUSE! I... I... I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT! I CAN'T LET HIM DIE! JIM!



HE'S TOO GOOD! TOO KIND! MAC WAS LYING! CRIMINALS LIKE MAC ALWAYS LIE! MAC N. NEVER TOLD ME HE WAS A GAMBLER TILL IT WAS TOO LATE—TILL I CAME TO CARE FOR H... GASP! THE DOOR! IT'S LOCKED! I CAN'T GET IN! I CAN'T STOP THE ENGINE! HE'LL DIE!



BUT HE MUSTN'T! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM! I MUST FIND HELP! I SEE A LIGHT—BACK THERE IN THE WOODS!

IT'S A GIRL!

CAR! GASP!... ON ROAD! DOORS LOCKED! THE MAN INSIDE... GASP! HE'S DYING OF CARBON MONOXIDE! SAVE HIM! QUICK!

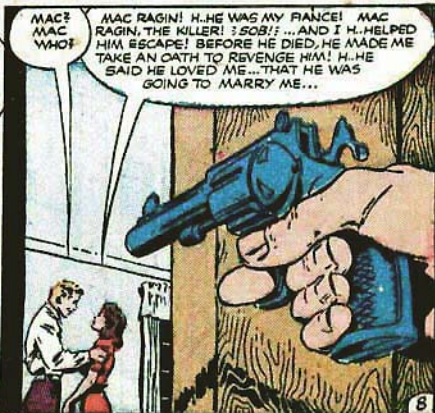


THREE HOURS LATER, IN KING'S APARTMENT...

ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE TO LEAVE YOU WITH YOUR 'RESCUER', JIM?

YES! I'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK HER—ALONE!

SOB!... GO AHEAD—SAY IT! I TRIED TO KILL YOU! YES! B. BUT I COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT—BECAUSE I LOVE YOU! I SWORE TO MAC, BUT I COULDN'T KEEP MY PROMISE!



MAC? MAC WHO?

MAC RAGIN! H. HE WAS MY FIANCÉ! MAC RAGIN, THE KILLER! SOB!... AND I H. HELPED HIM ESCAPE! BEFORE HE DIED, HE MADE ME TAKE AN OATH TO REVENGE HIM! H. HE SAID HE LOVED ME... THAT HE WAS GOING TO MARRY ME...

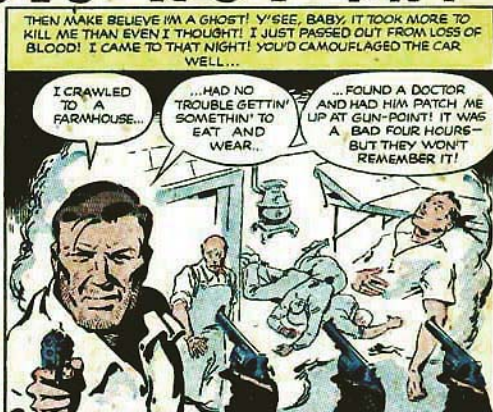
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MARRY YOU? RAGIN! RAGIN IS MARRIED! I KNOW HIS WIFE! SHE TESTIFIED AGAINST HIM AT HIS TRIAL! RAGIN IS A BORN LIAR!

HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH, BABY! BUT WE'RE EVENED UP! YOU DECEIVED ME! I HEARD WHAT YOU TOLD KING—ABOUT NOT GOING THROUGH WITH THE BUMP OFF BECAUSE YOU FELL FOR HIM!

MAC! N...NO! IT CAN'T BE! YOU'RE DEAD!



THEN MAKE BELIEVE I'M A GHOST! Y'SEE, BABY, IT TOOK MORE TO KILL ME THAN EVEN I THOUGHT! I JUST PASSED OUT FROM LOSS OF BLOOD! I CAME TO THAT NIGHT! YOU'D CAMOUFLAGED THE CAR WELL...

I CRAWLED TO A FARMHOUSE...

...HAD NO TROUBLE GETTIN' SOMETHIN' TO EAT AND WEAR...

...FOUND A DOCTOR AND HAD HIM PATCH ME UP AT GUN-POINT! IT WAS A BAD FOUR HOURS— BUT THEY WON'T REMEMBER IT!



I DON'T KNOW IF I'M GOING TO LIVE VERY LONG AFTER YOU, KING— BUT I DON'T CARE! AND YOU GO WITH HIM, SUGAR FACE! UH-UH! DON'T TRY ANY FUNNY STUFF WITH PAPA!

I WOULDN'T STRAIN MYSELF IF I WERE YOU! YOU'VE PROBABLY BUSTED SOME STITCHES! YOU'RE LOSING BLOOD AGAIN!

OH!!



BLOOD? W.WHERE?

EVERYWHERE! YOU'LL SEE PLENTY OF IT BEFORE I'M THROUGH!



CRACK!

NEXT STOP— THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

OOOH!

SOCK!

UGG!



IF I HADN'T HELPED MAC TO ESCAPE, THERE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ALL THIS TROUBLE, JIM! I'M GUILTY, TOO!

IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, GALE! YOU WERE TRICKED, CONFUSED—YET YOU MUST STAND TRIAL FOR YOUR PART IN THIS TERRIBLE AFFAIR!

LET HER! BUT YOU HAVEN'T GOT ME, KING! I THOUGHT I WAS OUT COLD, EH? GUESS AGAIN!



MAC RAGIN STILL CALLS THE PLAYS! NO ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR HIM!

DON'T LOOK, GALE!

EE EAAA!!



LATER...

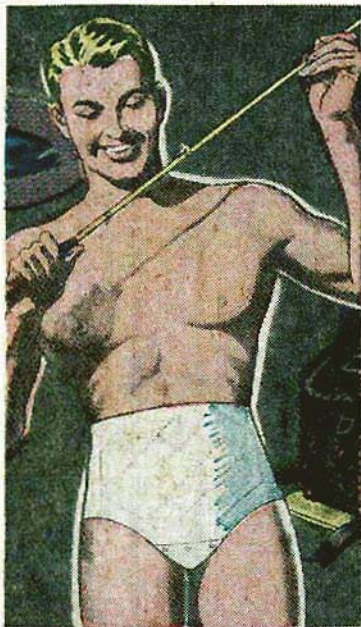
REMEMBER THIS, GALE! WHATEVER HAPPENS— WHATEVER YOU MAY FACE— WHETHER IT'S A SUSPENDED SENTENCE OR SOMETHING LONGER—REMEMBER, I LOVE YOU! I'LL WAIT FOR YOU AND MARRY YOU!

OH, JIM, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!

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Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela in 1783, of noble parents who sent him to Spain for an education. While in Europe he was an eye-witness to some of the scenes of the French Revolution. On his trip home, he stopped in the United States where he observed the workings of a free and independent government. When Bolivar arrived in Caracas in 1810, it was not long before he became a promoter for the independence of Venezuela. From that time on, he devoted the rest of his life to the cause of liberty and independence. Bolivar became the first president of Colombia which at that time consisted of the former Spanish provinces of Venezuela, Ecuador and New Granada (Colombia) which were united into a greater Colombia. Additional honors were bestowed upon him when the former Spanish province of Upper Peru which he liberated, proclaimed itself the Republic of Bolivia.

Most of the stamps of Venezuela, and a good many of those of Colombia, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador, have Bolivar's portrait on the designs. An actual count of the stamps bearing his likeness may show that he has appeared on more stamps of South American countries than any other person. Not only has a country been named after him, but the currency of Venezuela has been called a bolivar and in Bolivia, it is called a boliviano.



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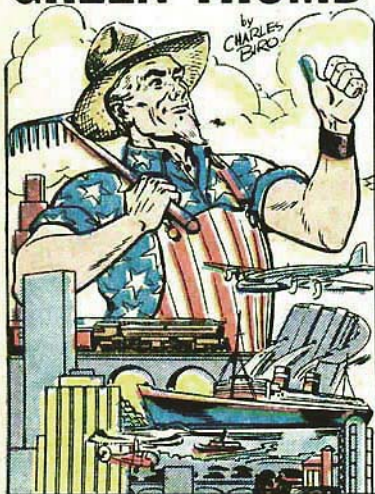
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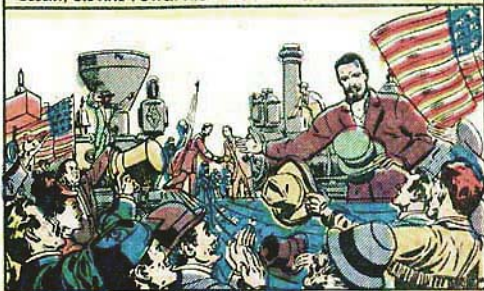
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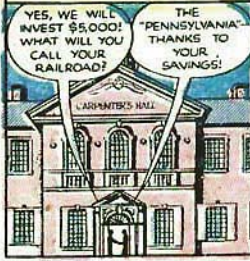
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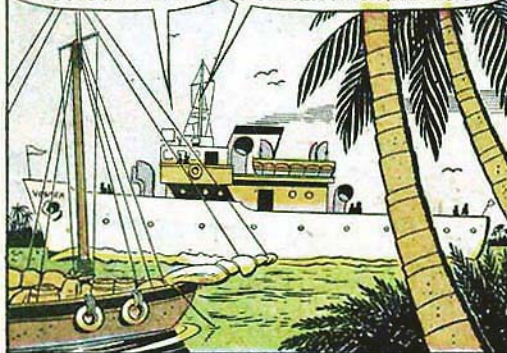
STORM WARNINGS SENT THE TREASURE-HUNTING YACHT VESPER INTO THE NEAREST PORT; BUT THE WARNINGS SAID NOTHING OF IMPENDING MURDER! HOW GOOD A DETECTIVE ARE YOU? CAN YOU SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF

**WHO KILLED REX GOTHA?**



WHAT'S THE IDEA OF PUTTING INTO VALADERO BAY, CAPTAIN? I GAVE YOU ORDERS TO HEAD FOR PORT TRINIDAD!

STORM WARNINGS TAKE PRECEDENCE, MR. GOTHA! LATEST RADIO ORDERS WERE FOR ALL VESSELS TO PUT INTO THE NEAREST HARBOR, AND THIS IS IT!

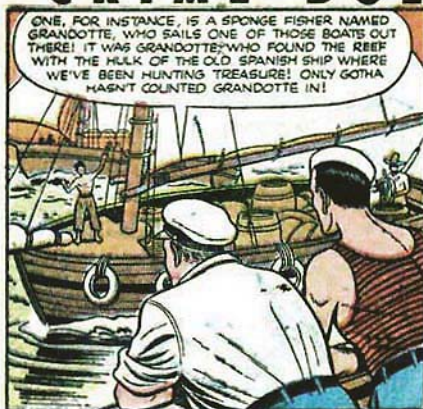


WHY IS REX GOTHA PUTTING UP A SQUAWK ABOUT HEADIN' INTO VALADERO BAY? YOU KNOW, AND I KNOW KENNEDY, THAT ALL THESE BANANA PORTS ARE ONE AND THE SAME! WHAT'S PORT TRINIDAD GOT THAT VALADERO BAY HASN'T?

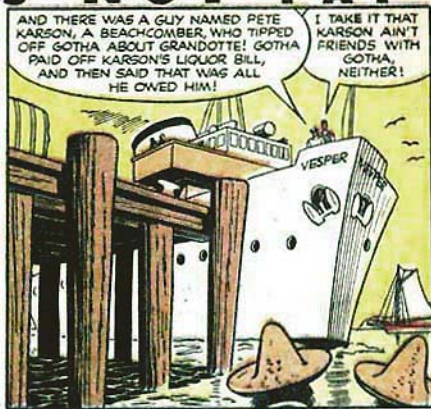
PUT IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND, DIRK, AND YOU'LL HAVE THE ANSWER! THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE AT VALADERO BAY OUR MR. GOTHA WOULD RATHER NOT MEET!



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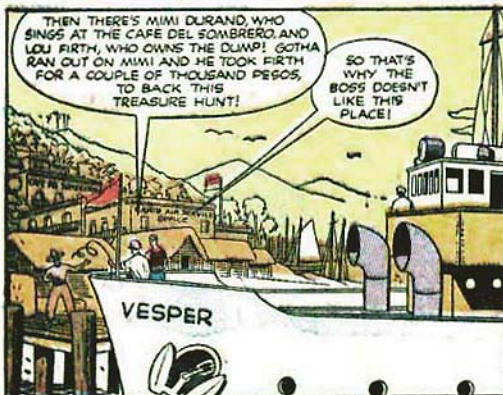


ONE, FOR INSTANCE, IS A SPONGE FISHER NAMED GRANDOTTE, WHO SAILS ONE OF THOSE BOATS OUT THERE! IT WAS GRANDOTTE WHO FOUND THE REEF WITH THE HULK OF THE OLD SPANISH SHIP WHERE WE'VE BEEN HUNTING TREASURE! ONLY GOTHA HASN'T COUNTED GRANDOTTE IN!



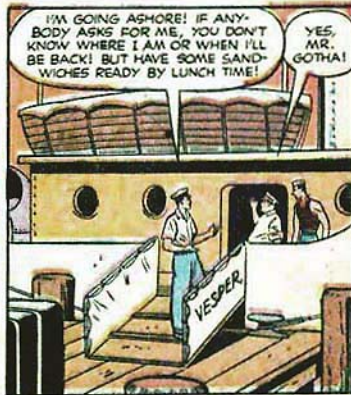
AND THERE WAS A GUY NAMED PETE KARSON, A BEACHCOMBER, WHO TIPPED OFF GOTHA ABOUT GRANDOTTE! GOTHA PAID OFF KARSON'S LIQUOR BILL, AND THEN SAID THAT WAS ALL HE OWED HIM!

I TAKE IT THAT KARSON AIN'T FRIENDS WITH GOTHA, NEITHER!



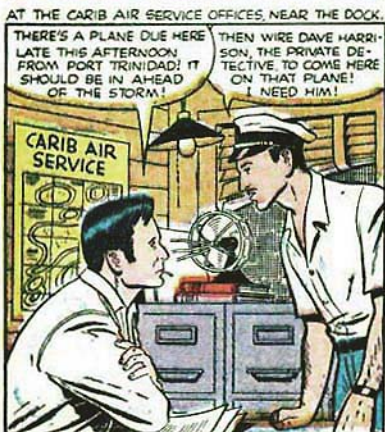
THEN THERE'S MIMI DURAND, WHO SINGS AT THE CAFE DEL SOMBRERO, AND LOU FIRTH, WHO OWNS THE DUMP! GOTHA RAN OUT ON MIMI AND HE TOOK FIRTH FOR A COUPLE OF THOUSAND PESOS, TO BACK THIS TREASURE HUNT!

SO THAT'S WHY THE BOSS DOESN'T LIKE THIS PLACE!



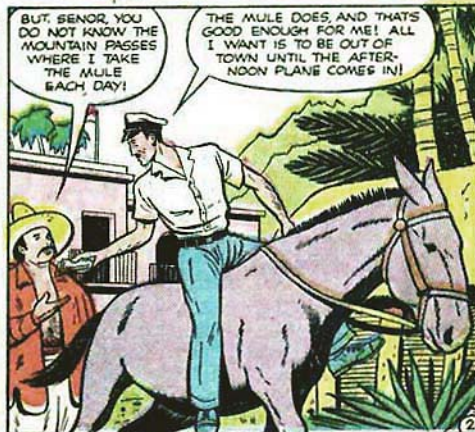
I'M GOING ASHORE! IF ANYBODY ASKS FOR ME, YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM OR WHEN I'LL BE BACK! BUT HAVE SOME SANDWICHES READY BY LUNCH TIME!

YES, MR. GOTHA!



THERE'S A PLANE DUE HERE LATE THIS AFTERNOON FROM PORT TRINIDAD! IT SHOULD BE IN AHEAD OF THE STORM!

THEN WIRE DAVE HARRISON, THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE TO COME HERE ON THAT PLANE! I NEED HIM!



BUT, SENOR, YOU DO NOT KNOW THE MOUNTAIN PASSES WHERE I TAKE THE MULE EACH DAY!

THE MULE DOES, AND THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME! ALL I WANT IS TO BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL THE AFTERNOON PLANE COMES IN!

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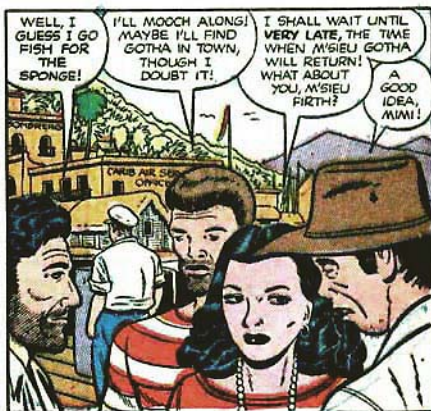
LOOK! LOOK, SENOR KARSON! THE VESPER— SHE IS BACK! MAYBE SHE BRINGS SENOR GOTHA!

HEY, MIMI! HERE'S WHERE WE SQUARE ACCOUNTS WITH YOUR BOY FRIEND! COME ALONG AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A WHACK AT HIM!

WAIT, M'NSIEU PETE, UNTIL I CALL M'NSIEU FIRTH! HE WEEL WEEESH TO GIVE THE BEEG KEECK, TOO, I BET YOU!



WELL! WELL! I HAD NO IDEA MR. GOTHA HAD SO MANY FRIENDS IN VALADERO BAY! BUT I'M AFRAID HE WON'T BE BACK UNTIL VERY LATE! SO DROP AROUND THIS EVENING! WE'LL STILL BE HERE! IN FACT, THE WHOLE CREW IS TAKING THE DAY OFF!



WELL, I GUESS I GO FISH FOR THE SPONGE!

I'LL MOOCH ALONG! MAYBE I'LL FIND GOTHA IN TOWN, THOUGH I DOUBT IT!

I SHALL WAIT UNTIL VERY LATE, THE TIME WHEN M'NSIEU GOTHA WILL RETURN! WHAT ABOUT YOU, M'NSIEU FIRTH?

A GOOD IDEA, MIMI!

SO THE MORNING PAGED! TOWARD NOON, KENNEDY, THE STEWARD, SUDDENLY REMEMBERED GOTHA'S ORDERS, AND DECIDED TO RETURN AT ONCE TO THE YACHT!



MY WORD! I FORGOT TO PREPARE SANDWICHES IN CASE MR. GOTHA RETURNS FOR LUNCH! HE MIGHT HURRY BACK, NOW THAT THE DAY HAS TURNED SO STIFLING HOT! HOW LONG WILL THIS DEAD CALM LAST?

ALL DAY, PERHAPS ALL NIGHT! THEN PPOOF! THE BIG STORM COME, OR MAYBE SHE PASS BY! HAVE MORE OF THE RUM SWIZZLE?



WHAT BRINGS YOU BACK TO THE YACHT, DIRK?

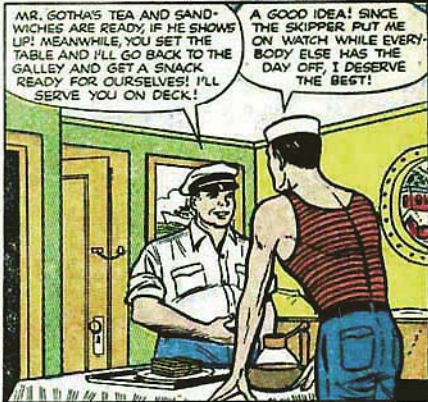
NOTHIN' BRINGS ME! CAP'N TOLLAND SENT ME! I MET HIM IN TOWN, WORSE LUCK, AND THAT MAKES ME THE GOAT!

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THE BAY TURNED LIKE GLASS, AND WHEN THE SKIPPER SPIED IT, HE SAYS, "IT LOOKS LIKE THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM..."

SO HE NEEDED A STOUT HAND ON BOARD THE GOOD SHIP VESPER! YOU WERE HANDY, SO HE PICKED YOU! TOO BAD, DIRK! WELL, BRING ALONG THE OTHER TRAY!



MR. GOTHA'S TEA AND SANDWICHES ARE READY, IF HE SHOWS UP! MEANWHILE, YOU SET THE TABLE AND I'LL GO BACK TO THE GALLEY AND GET A SNACK READY FOR OURSELVES! I'LL SERVE YOU ON DECK!

A GOOD IDEA! SINCE THE SKIPPER PUT ME ON WATCH WHILE EVERYBODY ELSE HAS THE DAY OFF, I DESERVE THE BEST!



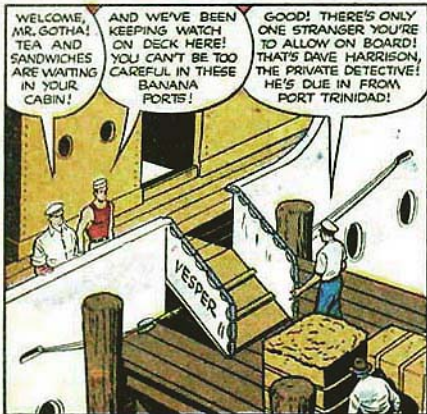
I CALL THIS STYLE, BUT WHAT WILL OLD GOTHA SAY IF HE FINDS US SPREAD OUT LIKE THIS?

HE'LL THANK US, THAT'S WHAT! YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE WE'RE GUARDIN' THE STEPS TO HIS CABIN, TO MAKE SURE NONE OF HIS FRIENDS DO A SNEAK DOWN THERE!



TOWARD THE END OF THE DAY, REX GOTHA RETURNED, CONFIDENT ALL WOULD BE SERENE...

HERE COMES THE PLANE FROM PORT TRINIDAD! WITH DAVE HARRISON ON HAND AS A BODYGUARD, I'LL HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR, AND THE CREW WILL BE DRIFTING BACK BY THE TIME I REACH THE SHIP!



WELCOME, MR. GOTHA! TEA AND SANDWICHES ARE WAITING IN YOUR CABIN!

AND WE'VE BEEN KEEPING WATCH ON DECK HERE! YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL IN THESE BANANA PORTS!

GOOD! THERE'S ONLY ONE STRANGER YOU'RE TO ALLOW ON BOARD! THAT'S DAVE HARRISON, THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE! HE'S DUE IN FROM PORT TRINIDAD!



NEW BLANKETS, SENOR! YOUR CAPTAIN, HE HAS SAID TO BRING THEM ON BOARD! THEY GO TO THE FO'C'S'LE FOR THE CREW!

THAT'S FORWARD! I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE! WATCH THE GANGPLANK, DIRK!

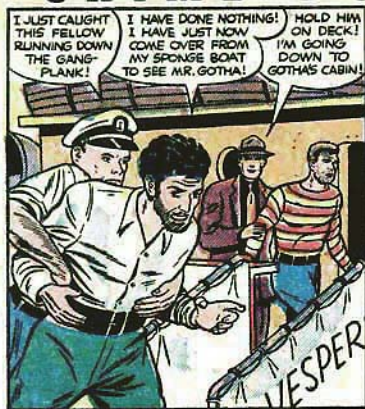
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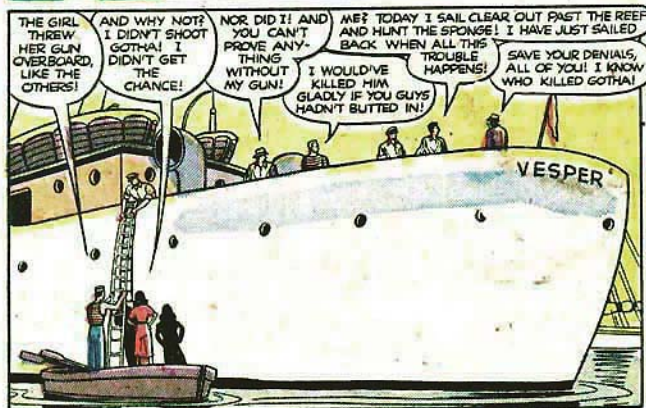
I JUST CAUGHT THIS FELLOW RUNNING DOWN THE GANG-PLANK!

I HAVE DONE NOTHING! I HAVE JUST NOW COME OVER FROM MY SPONGE BOAT TO SEE MR. GOTHA!

HOLD HIM ON DECK! I'M GOING DOWN TO GOTHA'S CABIN!

FROM THE TIME I LEFT TEA AND SANDWICHES FOR MR. GOTHA, NOBODY COULD HAVE COME IN HERE! BUT SOMEBODY COULD HAVE FIRED THROUGH THAT NARROW OPENING IN THE DOOR...OR THROUGH THE PORT HOLE!

GOTHA WAS SHOT IN THE BACK! THE PASSAGE BEYOND THAT DOOR LEADS FORWARD, THE DIRECTION FIRTH WENT! MIMI WAS OUTSIDE THAT PORT HOLE! LET'S GO UP ON DECK, KENNEDY!



THE GIRL THREW HER GUN OVERBOARD, LIKE THE OTHERS!

AND WHY NOT? I DIDN'T SHOOT GOTHA! I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE!

NOR DID I AND YOU CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING WITHOUT MY GUN!

ME? TODAY I SAIL CLEAR OUT PAST THE REEF AND HUNT THE SPONGE! I HAVE JUST SAILED BACK WHEN ALL THIS TROUBLE HAPPENS!

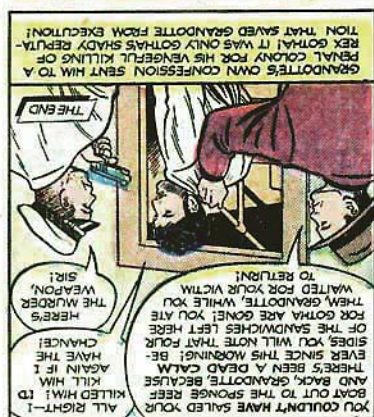
I WOULD'VE KILLED HIM GLADLY IF YOU GUYS HADN'T BUTTED IN!

SAVE YOUR DENIALS, ALL OF YOU! I KNOW WHO KILLED GOTHA!

**WHO DUNNIT?**

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|             |             |
| MIMI DURAND | GRANDOTTE   |
|             |             |
| LOU FIRTH   | PETE KARSON |

IF YOU CANNOT GUESS WHO DUNNIT, TURN THE PAGE UPSIDE DOWN FOR THE SOLUTION!



GRANDOTTE'S OWN CONFESSION SENT HIM TO A PENAL COLONY FOR HIS VENERFUL KILLING OF REAR GOTHA! IT WAS ONLY GOTHA'S SHADY REPUTATION THAT SAVED GRANDOTTE FROM EXECUTION!

THE END

ALL RIGHT—I KILLED HIM! TO KILL HIM! TO AGAIN I F I HAVE THE CHANCE!

YOU COULDN'T HAVE SAILED YOUR BOAT OUT TO THE SPONGE REEF AND BACK, GRANDOTTE, BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A DEAD CALM EVER SINCE THIS MORNING! BE SURE YOU WILL NOTE THAT FOUR OF THE SANDWICHES LEFT HERE FOR GOTHA ARE GONE! YOU ARE THEM, GRANDOTTE, WHILE YOU WAITED FOR YOUR VICTIM TO RETURN!

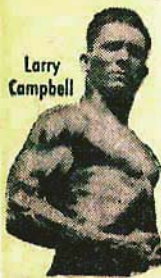


AS FOR YOU, KARSON, YOU COULDN'T HAVE CLIPPED GOTHA THROUGH THE NARROW OPENING IN THE DOOR BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE. AT THIS POINT TO AM IN HIS DIRECTION HE LEAVES ONLY GRANDOTTE! HE MUST'VE HIDDEN IN THE CLOSET WHEN EVERYONE LEFT THE MORNIN'!



REGARDLESS OF YOUR INTENTIONS, YOU'RE IN THE CLEAR, MIMI! EVEN DRINK COULDN'T REACH THAT PORT HOLE FROM THE SMALL BOAT! IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HAVE FIRED THROUGH THE PASSAGE BEYOND THAT DOOR! LET YOUR FIRTH WERE STUBBLING SHOT WAS FIRED, BUT EVEN IF YOU HAD FIRED AT GOTHA, YOU COULDN'T HAVE HIT HIM!

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Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are... and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them... if they want to!

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## Even Cute Girls Become Careless

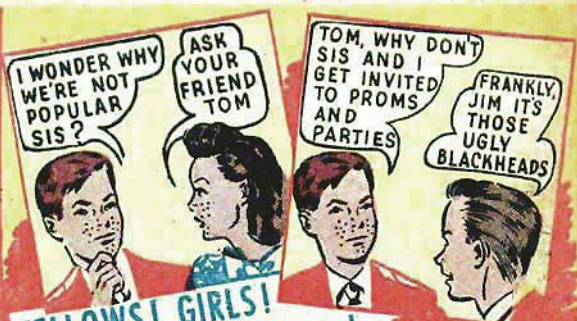
Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do the needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "rips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

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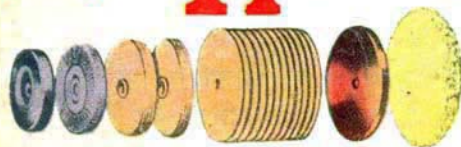
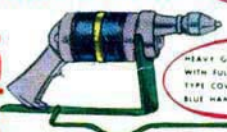
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